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MAGIC CARPET RIDE

The Lefebvre family hit the slopes on sleds, toboggans and snow carpets last Friday when Didsbury finally welcomed a break in frosty winter temperatures that kept many indoors over the chilly holiday season. Pictured is 7-year-old Jonathan Lefebvre flying through the air after zooming over a mogul on the golf course hill.

Photo by Elaine Wilson

Health Authority reductions announced

By Elaine Wilson

The Region 5 Health Authority arrived at two decisions affecting Didsbury at their December 18 board meeting.

In a press release, issued in the latter part of December, it was announced that the board has decided to "continue with the options outlined in the current Business Plan and reduce the number of continuing care beds at Didsbury to 80."

Discontinuation of the Orthopedics program at the Didsbury hospital was also confirmed in the release.

"In considering the arthroscopy, ACL and podiatry programs at the Didsbury facility, the board agreed that these are important programs to be offered within the region for our residents. However, due to the uncertainty as to future financing and the costs of some of these

programs, it was decided that once current bookings for ACL have been serviced, that program will be discontinued. As far as arthroscopy and podiatry we will continue offering these programs to Region 5 and other neighboring regions with the exception of Calgary residents."

Addressing the reduction in continuing care beds, the release stated: "It was felt that this could be achieved over the next three and a half months with as little disruption as possible to the patients who will be affected. The board has also asked administration to accommodate the remaining patients in the newest wings of the facility so that at some point in the future, when alternate care or assisted living is implemented, we will be renovating some of the older sections of the building. We are confident that with the changes in the current

organizational structure and the achievement of full integration of services, we will be able to accommodate a more extensive range of programs at the Didsbury facility in the months ahead."

With regard to the Orthopedics

program, the release concluded: "This will no doubt cut into the number of hours required to run the operating room. However, it also gives us the opportunity to look at other programs that will better serve Region 5

residents in the near future."

MLA Roy Brassard does not intend to let the board's decision be the final word on the matter.

He intends to organize a meeting with local municipal repre-

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Grand opening planned

By Elaine Wilson

Didsbury residents watched with interest as the new Mountain View Credit Union building took shape in the heart of the downtown business sector in 1996. The doors swung open for business on November 18, 1996 but countless hours of painstaking planning regarding both the interior and exterior of the Didsbury branch of the Mountain View Credit Union building preceded that crisp fall day.

General Manager Norris

Thompson and Branch Manager Gord Kerby said the primary mandate revolves around the members they serve and the people who serve them.

Familiar faces at the Credit Union (in addition to Kerby) include Loans Officer Anne Sheridan and Member Service reps Laurie Van Tetering, Cindy Harrison and Nicole Rice.

The amalgamation of Didsbury, Cremona, Sundre and Olds took place in 1977 forming the Mountain View merger, but

the history of the inception of that milestone was predated by three decades. The Cremona branch opened in 1943; Didsbury began operations in 1960.

The Olds branch moved operations into their new building (also at the core of that municipality's downtown area) in 1992. Sundre's new building was completed in 1995. A new branch opened in Beiseker in 1996, and the year ended with Didsbury's new building completed by mid-

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sentatives and interested members of the public to ascertain public opinion on recent developments at the hospital.

"It's likely going to be in the third week of January," Brassard said.

While responsibility for running each region rests with the Health Authority, Brassard said he has met with the Minister of Health to discuss the matter.

"The funding arrangement for population base funding is going to be a kind of a credit debit balance. Right now we have about nine or ten million dollars worth of work done in the Calgary Region from Region Five. If you want to call it that, we've got a "trade imbalance" of over nine million dollars. I think these programs

we're currently offering are a way to offset that and the Minister agrees with me wholeheartedly."

Brassard said that the board's concern about being unable to track funding (allocated for patients residing in this region but being treated in other regions) will be rectified when the "credit/debit" plan is introduced this year.

The settling of the account, (collecting the credit owed to Health Region 5) "could quite conceivably take place at the end of the year (1997)", Brassard said, explaining that the new funding arrangement is to be initiated on April first, debits and credits must be tracked and tallied for a period of time before "cutting the cheque".

In the interim, Brassard said

arrangements could be made to access interim funding.

"I don't agree with (the Region 5 Health Authority) board at all," Brassard said. "I disagree with the "uncertainty" (aspect). I think that's absolute nonsense. The correspondence I've received from the Minister and my conversation with the Minister; on April 1 we're going to start the exchange."

Brassard intends to actively pursue the matter with all concerned parties.

"What I read into this is we've got three months to convince Health Authority 5 that this is not the way to go- and I intend to do everything within my power to convince them of that. It makes sense (to continue the programs). It utilizes the facility. It brings doctors out of the urban centers into our rural settings. With a little initiative and imagination we could even expand those programs."

Brassard said concerns expressed by Region 5 CEO Jim Ramsbottom stating that rural centers cannot provide cost effective delivery of services on par with urban centers like Calgary required further study.

"We have to investigate the whole thing and make absolutely

certain that they're not just blowing smoke," Brassard said. "We're going to work this out. The note of finality- I don't accept it. I intend to pursue this with the Minister. It's taken too much effort and work to establish and makes too much sense to let go of it at this point."

Regarding the reduction of continuing care beds, Brassard said that the board is indeed following established government guidelines, but asserted that board could adjust bed numbers to accommodate the needs of areas within the region.

"When we established the general guidelines, and this is a guideline only, which was reinforced in my discussion with the Minister the other day, it was set up at 50 beds per 1,000 people for long term care," Brassard said. "Going back to the initial reason that health authorities were formed, it was so that the care delivered would be driven by the needs in the community instead of someone up in Edmonton decreeing this would be good enough for (individual) areas. There are times when the guidelines may not necessarily apply. If it doesn't fit for a specific community then it's not valid any more. Otherwise the system is not being driven by the community at all."

Christmas lights winners

Town, small yard: 1. Vern and Shelley Wilshusen and family, Southridge; 1st honorable mention, Catherine Allan, 2025 - 21st Ave.; 2nd honorable mention, Norm Kirchhofer, Westhill Close.

Town, large yard: 1. Calvin Dick; Honorable mention, John and Mary McLaws.

Country: 1. Wava and Karlene Meyer; Honorable mention, Ron and Mary Devolin.

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November.

"We were looking for a reasonably good location so that we're visible in town," Thompson said, "which is what we were lacking in both Didsbury and Olds."

The total spent on land, construction, technological additions like the drive through ATM, design consultation and related considerations tallied approximately \$500,000. The building was designed to complement surrounding architecture.

"We are permanently in Didsbury," Thompson said. "The half million dollar investment should send that message very clearly to our membership. We're not here just for the short haul; we're not here depending on the economic climate, it's definitely long term."

Thompson said deliberate attention to growth and evolution is a must in the world of financial institutions.

"The way the industry is going you've got to get bigger, you've got to grow to survive," Thompson said. "The way we see it, in the 21st century we're going to have to take up more geographical area in order to continue to provide the existing level of service. It's a volume based business and it's becoming more so all the time, particularly with increased costs in the area of technology like computer systems."

An upgraded alarm system provides more protection for members and the drive through ATM affords convenience and safety for members who need not leave their car when conducting transactions.

The tax assessor has appraised

the building but the final tally had not been presented to administration at press time, but whatever tax bill emerges, Thompson said the town will benefit as a whole.

"We'll definitely contribute to the tax income for the town of Didsbury," Thompson said with a smile. "I wouldn't be quite so optimistic that it will lower everyone's taxes."

"But it will pick up a little of the slack," Kerby interjected, "like the (loss of the) grain elevators." "That's something that really hits a small town," Thompson concurred, "When the elevators go."

Each branch is constructed to fit the individual needs of the community it services.

"We design each building for that particular location," Thompson said. "The Didsbury staff did an awful lot of work and had a lot of input into this building."

"Kerby explained the staggered counter and enlarged customer reception area was an intentional design feature to enhance transaction confidentiality. He said feedback to the design and especially the floor plan has been wholly positive; the inclusion of the ATM was also a feature many mentioned."

"But we did not bring in the technology to replace the people," Kerby said. "We have both, but we're still very much member-oriented."

"We're striving to provide technology for those who want to use it," Thompson concluded, "but the personal touch remains a very high priority."

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RCMP report

Several robberies were reported by the Didsbury RCMP over the Christmas break, one of which was committed at gun point.

A Carstairs Co-op Store employee was held up by two armed heavy-set men wearing ski masks at approximately 7:40 p.m. December 30. The employee was forced to open the safe and the men escaped with cash exceeding \$5,000. Sgt. Gaultier said an investigation into the robbery is ongoing asking anyone who observed any suspicious behavior in Carstairs that Monday evening to contact the Didsbury detachment without delay. No one was injured in the incident.

There has been no break in the case of the Break and Enter at Coaches Pub in Carstairs. Unknown suspects pried open the front door of the pub at 2:44 a.m. on December 10 and made their way to an office. A small amount of liquor was taken. Police responded to an alarm at 4:07 a.m., also on December 10, involving a Break and Enter at the Touch of Country Kitchen restaurant in Water Valley. A door had been pried open at the rear of the building. A small amount of beer, a television and a VCR were stolen.

During the night of December 21-22, an unoccupied residence in Sundre was forcibly entered. When confronted by the resident, the lone intruder fled the scene.

In all the above cases, no arrests have been made and investigations are ongoing. Those having any information on any of these incidents are asked to call their local police detachment or Crimestoppers toll free at 1-800-922-8477. Callers remain anonymous and will not be required to appear in court.

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Driver of truck hit by train escapes with minor injuries

By Elaine Wilson

The vehicle he was driving was a complete write off, but the driver involved in a truck/train collision escaped with only minor injuries.

Leslie Statham, 69, of Olds incurred minor injuries including a concussion when he was struck by a northbound train while crossing railway tracks located two miles south and one mile west of Olds (near the Pioneer Grain elevator) last Friday.

Statham, the lone occupant of a 1995 Ford pickup truck was westbound shortly after

10 a.m. January 3 when he crossed the unmarked railway crossing.

Olds RCMP Sgt. Dave Lee said the driver was lucky not to have sustained more serious injury.

"He didn't get T-boned, I think he got it right in the front corner of the vehicle," Lee said. "It knocked him backwards, spun him into the ditch, which was full of snow, which probably was a saving grace as well."

"The driver's door flew open. He kind of went out, but he had his seatbelt on; it was

hanging around his neck. The [CPR Rail] engineer and another guy cut him off the seatbelt which probably saved his life because he was unconscious at that moment, strangling on the seatbelt."

Lee said charges are being contemplated; likely failure to yield.

Lee added that the hospital planned to keep Statham overnight, but that his injuries did not appear to be serious.

The RCMP summary listed road and weather conditions as sunny with a snow covered road surface.

Opening of new grocery store "delayed"

By Elaine Wilson

Gerry Knebel, spokesman for the grocery store initially scheduled to open in Victoria Mall earlier this month, said the holdup in opening relates to equipment delivery.

"The equipment's not coming as quick as I thought it would, so I've pulled in for a while," Knebel said last week. "I don't have a date at this time as to when (the) Didsbury (store) will open. It will be delayed until further notice. Whether it will go ahead or not, that remains to be seen."

Knebel said he will soon be opening a similar store in Red Deer.

"At this time the only thing is, it's been delayed. I'm proposing to open up the Red Deer one first now," Knebel said.

Knebel said he has spoken with prospective employees about the delay.

"I told some of the people... when we did some interviews, it's held off, there's nothing to say I'm not coming yet, it's just that I've decided at this

time to delay it. I still have first option on the property."

Knebel said he still hopes to open a grocery store in town.

"I still would like it to come to Didsbury," Knebel concluded, "It's just not going as

quickly as I would like it to have gone. It's not dead."



Gerry Knebel

Town council notes

A motion by Coun. Moore Anderson to execute revised E-911 contracts with Telus and the City of Red Deer were voted in by council. Reduced from the original proposal of 86 cents, the amount on the contract was 83 cents.

A new Community Services Promotion Policy was moved by Coun. Swalm and accepted by council. Community Services Director, Ken Luck, explained that the purpose of the policy was to introduce guidelines to equitably deal with donation requests (in cost or in kind) made to the Town of Didsbury. A two-page promotion application form must be completed and returned to council for proposed promotion requests. "We may run into approximately half a dozen promotions a year, and each is dealt with on an indi-

Garbage contract awarded to BFI

By Elaine Wilson

The garbage collection contract between the Town of Didsbury and BFI expired January 3, but negotiations with three solid waste collection companies was in the final stages prior to the December town council meeting.

On December 17, council once again awarded the contract to BFI.

Town spokesman Wes Yeoman said commercial solid waste would continue to be hauled to the local landfill but a new clause in the contract means all residential garbage will be trucked to BFI's landfill just outside of Calgary.

Yeoman estimates transporting residential waste to the Calgary site will double the life of the local landfill which is judged to have around five years left of functional usability if Didsbury's modified landfill is not required by the province to close in the interim.

The contract also includes "Part C", a curbside recycling elective, (currently considered cost prohibitive) allowing the town the option of instituting the approach at a later date.

"If we'd taken Part C the residents of Didsbury would have had an increase on their utility bills," Yeoman said, "But because we didn't take it, there's no increase proposed (for 1997)."

The three-unit ceiling on garbage is scheduled to begin the first week in February. Those with garbage exceeding the limit will pay \$1.50 a tag for extra units of garbage. These tags will be available at the town office and will include the name of the purchasing resident to avoid unauthorized transfer to the garbage site of someone who did not pay for the tag.

Yeoman explained the concept was instituted to encourage recycling, reducing the amount of garbage hauled to landfills, and to improve compaction for transport.

vidual basis," Luck advised, "It's an opportunity for council to partner with agencies and organizations in the community to support worthwhile endeavors."

A motion by Coun. van Dam to renew the current contract with Simpson Roberts Wappel Architecture Interior Design (relating to Main Street projects) through to December 31, 1997 was carried by council. The animal control contract with Marilyn Kaczmarek

was also approved at prevailing terms following a motion by Coun. Veno. Cleaning contracts with Donally McNeil and Bev Wilson were also extended to the end of the current year on motions by Coun. Moore Anderson and van Dam, respectively.

A policy covering FCSS funding presented by Ken Luck, Director of Community Services was voted in on a motion by Coun. Swalm.

COUNTY PERSPECTIVE - Snow Removal

The early and severe winter weather conditions that have affected each of you in one way or another have also had a very major impact on our county operations. Since the first major storm of the year every piece of snow ploughing equipment we own has been out on the road moving snow and sanding icy intersections and roadways. In a number of instances we have had to contract local farmers to assist us with tractors and dozers in order to minimize the inconvenience to rural residents in their attempts to travel throughout the County. The use of private equipment on County roads is something we do with reluctance and try to restrict to emergency situations only. The concern is one of potential liability when this equipment is out on a public road being used by the traveling public under extreme road and weather conditions. For the most part, rural residents have been patient and tolerant of some delays that may have been experienced in not having all of the roads cleared as well as they would have liked. There have, however, also been individuals who have been less patient and appreciative of the fact that we have some 2,000 plus miles to cover in very short order. Many demands and requests have been made for clearing of snow from private driveways, which, if carried out, has the potential for several concerns and problems.

If a plough is dispatched to do a private driveway it is delaying this unit from clearing main roads, which impacts the people. A further problem is the fact that our ploughing equipment is in many cases too large to maneuver in private lanes and the potential for damage to property is high. Council is also concerned about interfering with private contractors who are in the snow ploughing business, and who should be called on by residents to do work on private property.

The snow ploughing budget for 1996 has been overspent by \$400,000, to the end of November, more work will be required prior to the end of December, causing an even greater over-expenditure. At present we are able to finance these operations by drawing on funds that had been set aside over a number of years to look after emergent situations, but these funds are not unlimited. Council is very conscious of this situation and may have to reduce snow plough service to the extent that only County equipment will be used for snow removal. This will, of course, mean that individuals may not get the prompt service that they have been receiving to date. It is fully expected that County personnel and equipment will continue working at maximum capacity in order to keep as many roads as possible open to traffic, but more effort may have to be made by individuals to get to main roads until our ploughs can get to the side roads.

We would take this opportunity to remind all residents who are clearing driveways by pushing snow across a public road, do so at their own risk. Ridges and lumps of snow left on the traveled portion of the road are a risk to motorists and potentially libelous to the individual responsible for leaving them there. We would further point out that large piles of snow left on the edge of the road also create problems for the snow plough operators when they are clearing the roads. Please push snow as far into the ditch as possible if you must push snow across the road. Also, make sure that no snow ridges are left on the traveled portion of the road, creating a hazard for vehicles traveling this road.

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1997 - A time of change



Elaine
WILSON

A stopping point on my way home from Christmas holidays happened to be Vancouver International Airport as 1996 drew to a close with a vicious B.C. bang.

As the jet began its descent I gazed out the window and thought to myself, "Boy, that looks like a lot of snow for this province." I didn't think much more about it; snow is something Albertans expect, deal with and dismiss.

Once inside the terminal I stopped in my tracks and gazed wide-eyed at human masses standing, sitting, sleeping and eating in a wall-to-wall fashion that would give claustrophobics nightmares. People filled every open space of that huge airport. Line-ups for the mere possibility of nabbing a cancelled seat stretched across rooms the size of one's entire home floor plan. Kids were crying, parents appeared to be clinging to fragile strands of sanity, and elderly ladies and gents searched in vain for somewhere to sit. Everyone around me had a horror story of their very own. Behind the exhaustion that cloaked the place like a heavy down quilt, there was a look of near-panic in a lot of eyes. Some were gearing up for their third day in limbo and many were running out of money - it's expensive to live at the airport.

As luck would have it, I'd landed smack dab in the middle of the worst snow storm British Columbia has experienced in 75 years.

British Columbia is not well-equipped to deal with snow at the best of times, but this was the Mother Of All Blizzards.

I thought I'd left all that at home in Didsbury.

It's been quite a year, weatherwise.

In July, Didsbury got lucky and in the main, evaded golf-ball hail stones which pounded the daylight out of Calgary. Twice.

Our snow budget was depleted well before the year ended.

One of the longest winters on record began at the end of October 1995 stretched through to early April 1996 and fired right up again without hesitation in the fall.

Environment Canada forecasts normal temperatures in eastern Canada, but guess what, folks. Western Canada can expect more chilly days in the days and weeks ahead. I don't know who beat us, but I wasn't surprised to learn we live in the second coldest country on the globe.

Despite all that I have to say I'm very glad I live where I do. We have snow removal equipment B.C. would have killed for a couple of weeks ago.

Which brings me to my New Year's Resolution: "Keep reminding yourself how lucky you are no matter what comes down - somewhere else you can be darn sure it's far worse!"

The past four years have been a time of change for all of us. Much of the change has been driven by fiscal necessity but some has been out of necessity to make the various systems more responsive to the needs of the community. During this past year, we have witnessed a "levelling off" but there are still a few concerns to be dealt with and one pertains to our Didsbury District Health Centre.

Back when "regionalization" was first considered, I recommended that the three local hospitals, in Sundre, Olds and Didsbury, consider forming their own region taking in the surrounding area. This was not to be and Sundre and Olds aligned themselves with Red Deer while Didsbury joined the Drumheller area.

At that same time, it was recommended that our hospitals should better utilize their facilities by encouraging use by other physicians. This was undertaken and Didsbury now has a total of ten specialists using their facility. This program provides many benefits: it utilizes the facility and equipment; it reduces the chronic waiting lists elsewhere; it introduces doctors to rural Alberta -- something the government is spending \$2.8 million to do; it employs already trained staff; it provides economic benefit to the community at large; and it has been extremely well received by pa-

tient and specialist alike.

There is one difficulty. Funding for the facility costs associated with some of the programs has been difficult to track causing a loss in the program and placing it in jeopardy. The new "population-based" funding formula, however, begins April 1, 1997, and hopefully this will correct the problem and enable continuance of this highly successful program.

There have been other changes taking place at this hospital and it is my intention to hold a public meeting early in January to enable our Health Region Authority #5 to explain what is happening and why, and what we can expect in the future. Once arrangements have been made, I'll put a notice in the newspapers. Since this is an important issue for all of us, I do hope someone from your home can attend.

Having said that, I must say that the future appears to be very positive for Alberta. The Alberta Government is forecasting a \$1.7 billion surplus due primarily to the restructuring that has taken place and the continuing price of oil and natural gas. This has resulted in significant savings to our debt servicing costs which in turn benefits everyone.

There has been much confusion surrounding our outstanding debt. Our total debt and liabilities in Alberta are \$26 billion, of which \$16.1 billion is off-

set by assets such as the Heritage Trust Fund (\$11,895 billion) provincial and other corporations (\$2,057 billion) Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation and agricultural assets (\$6,296 billion) leaving a net debt balance of about \$4.5 billion. The province has other assets such as land, buildings and bridges which have a net value of \$7.5 billion but these non-financial assets are not used to reduce the debt.

I receive a great deal of mail and the recent edition of The Prairie Centre bulletin contained some interesting facts:

- if everyone in the world moved to Texas the population density would be the same as Toronto -- about 20,750 per square mile. The world is not overpopulated!

- that known reserves of oil are now 14.6 times high than the world estimated them to be in 1948

- as older cars disappear we can expect to see reductions of up to 50 per cent in hydrocarbon emissions, 52 per cent in carbon monoxide and 34 per cent in nitrogen oxide emissions without further tinkering to standards.

I could go on but suffice it to say, our world is in good shape and getting better -- and so is our province. It's a great time to be alive!

And finally -- an election is anticipated this spring and I expect to be very busy until then. However, as you know, I will not be running for re-election and I wanted to take this opportunity to state that it has been an honor, a privilege and a distinct pleasure being your representative for the past eleven years.



Roy
BRASSARD

MLA

Bidding goodbye to the gravy train

By Peter Holle, President,
The Prairie Centre

Canada is a contrary place. Even when we tackle positive change, we do it reluctantly, in fits and starts.

Nothing illustrates this numbing inertia more than the current transformation in rail transport.

Last year, under the visionary former Transport Minister Doug Young, Ottawa rewrote the act governing railroads. It allowed them to cashier unprofitable branch lines. It also introduced

rules to make it easier for short-line railways to acquire and operate the abandoned track.

About time, too. Canada lags the U.S. by five years in passing such laws. Across the line, where clearance can be had in a week, almost 600 short-line railways are operating, versus Canada's 15. The larger American railroads are cashing in on the extra traffic these more efficient feeder companies bring to the main lines.

The savings come primarily from reduced labour costs. Freed

from the burdens of too generous employee benefits, cushy work rules and rigid job classifications, the new breed can run trains with half the staff.

In 1989, the federal Tories deregulated most freight rates and three things happened. As of 1995, freight rates were down 9 per cent and inflation took another 18 per cent out of railway coffers, so profits declined. Jobs shrank by a third, but wages went up. A lot to an average industry wage of over \$52,000 per job.

The besieged companies abandoned 14,000 kilometers of track. This time the hardest hit areas are Northern Manitoba and Southwest Saskatchewan. Several groups and coalitions are negotiating with the CNR to buy lines and equipment, but in typical muddling Canadian fashion, complications abound.

Saskatchewan exporters are stuck with provincial labour laws that grant railway unions "successor rights". That means that if someone buys a piece of the railroad, they must take the union contract, employees and conditions too. Instead, the lines shut down. For good. In Alberta, where these rules don't exist, short lines are prospering.

An executive at RailTex, the largest American short-line company, said in September that if the Saskatchewan government gave the industry more flexibility, virtually every lost branch line could still operate. A Yorkton-based group trying to acquire the line to Hudson's Bay argues that the new federal law cancels the provincial one, and the rail unions are in a tizzy.

Another problem, the new act is too cumbersome. Lines that

CN and CP want to dump have to be offered for sale for at least two months. Prospective buyers then get four more months to bargain. If nobody makes an offer, the railway must allow provincial and municipal governments to buy the line for a song. Only if that fails can the track be abandoned.

The history of the Churchill line and the port itself exemplifies Canadian lassitude. After 37 studies, \$130 million in mega-projects, and a yearly subsidy of \$9 million, the whole operation is still a basket case. The Hudson Bay Route Association, which lobbies for the line, says another \$27 million is needed right now to "upgrade" the facility, and they'll need \$235 million down the line.

Although CN didn't have the Bay Line on its latest hit list, company officials have clearly sig-

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FROM THE MAILBAG

Making a brighter Christmas happen

Dear Editor:

Christmas was made brighter for 79 Didsbury and area individuals and families, because of the unselfish giving of others in the community.

Christmas Helpers, a voluntary group, was established 12 years ago with one specific goal, that being to ease the burden of Christmas in the lives of people in our town and area.

We would like to express our deep appreciation to the many individuals, schools, organizations, churches and businesses that contributed so freely to make our 1996 Christmas Helper Drive such a success. It seemed that we would be short of gifts but through the gift of some extra toys left at the Dairy Queen Dream Tree in

Olds we were able to fulfill our gifts with minimum purchases.

It was only through the help of the many individuals who came and sorted food and toys, the many families that wrapped the gifts, those who picked up the cases of food and turkeys that "cold" December 23 morning, the people who divided the food among 79 boxes and the delivery people that the task was completed.

Didsbury is to be commended for the generosity shown in this year's food and toy drive. We wish all who gave and all who received the best in 1997.

Sincerely,
Linda Sirr and
Linda Regner

Ban "doesn't go far enough," Mitchell says

Dear Editor:

I am greatly encouraged by the recent report from the National Council of Welfare suggesting that Video Lottery Terminals be banned outside of casinos. While this recommendation is a step in the right direction, it does not go far enough to address the root of the problem.

The Alberta Liberal Caucus has been advocating the total ban of VLTs from this province for two years now and is the only political party to do so. The government's own figures tell us that there are an estimated 100,000 problem gamblers in Alberta,

many of these addicted to VLTs. It is these people who are fuelling Alberta's surplus through their gambling habits. In addition, charities and community groups have suffered a loss of revenue ever since VLTs have been introduced.

The Alberta Liberals have developed a plan to phase out VLTs over a three year period. We cannot allow these insidious machines to continue to erode our communities and quality of life.

Sincerely,
Grant Mitchell, Leader
Alberta Liberal Caucus

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nalled that it will be by year's end. They say the track needs \$91 million worth of work. They reneged on a promise to test top-of-the-line grain hopper cars this summer. Why invest more money in a loser?

What potential buyers face is daunting; decrepit equipment travelling over a line built on permafrost to a port that's only open

four months. A collection of subsidy seekers has already weaseled \$54,000 to put up a business plan, and they'll be back for more.

Why not break with tradition? Speed up the process, build bridges to the experienced short-line folks, clarify the labour rules, forget the subsidy train.

The old days are gone. Now let's get rid of the old thinking.

"Senate ignoring Canadians" MP says

Reform Deputy Justice Critic Myron Thompson was disappointed to learn yesterday that the Senate has given its stamp of approval to Bill C-45, which will deny parole eligibility only to those criminals convicted of more than one murder.

"I'm shocked that the Senate of Canada has ignored the millions of Canadians who have signed petitions calling for the elimination of Section 745 of the Criminal Code," said Thompson. Section 745 allows convicted killers to apply for parole hearings after 15 years of a 25-year sentence.

"As representatives of the Canadian people it was the duty of Senators to adhere to Canadians' wishes. And for more than two years now, the message coming from the people was

clear - reject Bill C-45 and repeal Section 745."

Thompson said he fears the repercussions of this decision will have a tremendous impact on the Canadian judicial system for many years to come. "Approximately 600 convicts are soon going to become eligible to apply for judicial review, and by the end of the century the judicial system could face the possibility of one judicial review hearing per week. This is clearly a problem that is not going to go away.

"I only hope that Justice Minister Allan Rock is prepared to take full responsibility for each and every convicted killer who is released back into society after a mere 15 years. I want every Canadian to remember that it was his bill that put them in danger," concluded Thompson.

Reaching out

Dear Editor:

46-year-old Andy McMechan has been confined to a jail cell in Brandon's Correctional Institute since July 8, 1996.

His property is under threat of seizure by the federal government.

His family has been harassed and his home ransacked by Canada Customs and the RCMP.

He has been ordered to pay tens of thousands of dollars in fines and compensation for his actions.

The Chretien government lawyer in Brandon boasts that McMechan "was selectively chosen for prosecution because he was the big guy."

So what did Andy McMechan - the "big guy" do? What kind of kinkpin is he? An arms smuggler perhaps? A drug trafficker? Not exactly.

Andy McMechan sold the barley which he had grown on his own farm to a buyer in the United States. Had Andy's farm been only a few hundred miles farther east (in Ontario) he'd have been free to sell that barley how and where he wanted.

But because of the Canadian Wheat Board monopoly over export of prairie grains, government agents tried to seize his tractor at the border. When Andy refused to give them the keys, he was arrested and thrown in jail.

Andy runs a modest farming operation in southern Manitoba. He does not have a large bank account. It looks very much as

though he was purposely selected so that the government could make an example of him, thereby discouraging others from challenging the Board's authority.

The Canadian Wheat Board was imposed upon western Canadian grain growers during World War II. It was never voted upon nor approved by the farmers themselves. It serves today as an outdated, dictatorial entity in a business climate ostensibly dedicated to free trade. Yet the Chretien government is so determined to prop up the Wheat Board's monopoly, it has charged more than 100 farmers with violations of the Act, and will presumably haul them into court, as they did with Andy McMechan.

Where will it end? Well, it could end with this so-called Liberal government having to build more jails to accommodate an additional 100 defiant farmers.

Or, due to a court challenge initiated by the Alberta Barley Commission, based upon Canadian Wheat Board abrogation of sections 2, 6 and 15 of the Charter of Rights, it could wind up with a huge victory for grain producers in Western Canada.

Also involved in the attempt to put a rein on Chretien and his associate's heavy-handed behavior is the National Citizens' Coalition, an organization founded in 1967 by Colin Brown. Brown was concerned that big

government and big unions would eventually ruin Canada's economy unless something was done to put a damper on their growth. Over the years the National Citizens' Coalition has consistently fought against bureaucratic abuse of power which interferes with a citizen's right to carry on lawful activity.

The National Citizens' Coalition is now 'going to bat' for Andy McMechan. It has hired a highly competent lawyer to help with Andy's legal battle and is giving other assistance to the McMechan family. It is running ads in 12 newspapers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, alerting the public to Andy's plight.

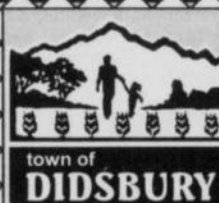
Most of us tend to feel that what happens to the other guy doesn't have an impact on our own lives.

Unfortunately, that is not always the case.

A government which will impose a prison sentence on one citizen through tactics such as this, is a very real threat to the freedom of all citizens.

Anyone interested in providing short term assistance to the McMechans and longterm benefit for western grain farmers may send contributions to the National Citizens' Coalition at the following address: The National Citizens' Coalition, Suite 240, 600 6th Ave. S.W., Calgary, AB T2P 0S5.

Sincerely,
Mildred H. Nelson
High River, Alberta



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Shop Hours: 7:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Landfill Site Hours: 1:00 P.M. - 4:45 P.M. Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. Permitting
Didsbury Aquatic Centre
Memorial Complex
Library Hours: 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Tues.-Sat.
Fri. 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Lions Recycling Centre
Main Street Project Office
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DIDSBURY AQUATIC CENTRE

The DAC will be closed January 6 - February 13, inclusive, for the installation of our 150-foot waterslide. Grand Opening events are planned for February 14 - 17!

Program registration for February to April is now available. Programs include after school lessons, Saturday morning lessons, preschool lessons, adult lessons, National Lifeguard, Water Safety Instructor, and first aid courses. Call to register between 8:30 and 4:30 weekdays.

DIDSBURY INTERAGENCY GROUP (D.I.G.) MEETING

All local organizations and non-profit groups are invited to attend these informal meetings where we exchange information, share ideas and coordinate activities. Please bring a bag lunch - coffee will be provided.

Noon - Tuesday, January 14
Place - Education Conference Room at the Hospital

PLEASE BRING A DONATION FOR THE FOOD BANK TO THE MEETING.

For further information, please contact Marg Weaver at 335-4245

GARBAGE LIMIT IMPOSED

As a result of consultation between the Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board, the Town of Didsbury and residents of Didsbury, a user pay system has been developed to ensure that those households who produce more waste will pay for the extra service to collect and dispose of it. This system also provides an incentive for residents to increase their recycling and backyard composting.

Effective February 4, 1997 a 3 bag per household limit, each week, has been imposed. The existing garbage rates will remain unchanged for 1997, but, excess garbage over the three bag limit will require an "over limit tag" on each extra bag or can.

These over limit tags may be purchased for \$1.50 each at the Town Office.

For more information please call the town office at 335-3391.

New Development Permit Applications

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

68-96 16/3/9510569 Single family dwelling R2

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 22, 1996.

Robert Wigg - Development Officer

B.A.I.S. BUSINESS ATTRACTION INFORMATION SYSTEM

The Town of Didsbury has joined with other communities around Central Alberta to create a business directory of all goods, services, products and enterprises operating in our local community and district. This information will be made available on the Internet using a province wide computer data base called the Business Attraction Information System (B.A.I.S.). Collection of the information is well underway in Didsbury. For information on this project, how to get your business listed, or questions about the forms, please call Denise Taylor at 335-3391

DIDSBURY MEMORIAL COMPLEX

For all Complex bookings, including ice rentals, Multi-Purpose Room rentals, and kitchen rentals, call Leah at 335-3966.

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Lifestyles

Alzheimer drug trials creating hope for tomorrow

By Erna McCafferty

Imagine, if you can, that you have just been told you have a disease that not only has no cure but there is not one medication on the market to treat its debilitating symptoms. Imagine, feeling the hopelessness of the situation when your doctor tells you and your family that there is absolutely nothing medically to be done.

Hope is increasing for those with Alzheimer Disease due to numerous Alzheimer drugs currently being tested.

"Likely, more than one drug will be approved in Canada within the next two years," says Dr. Karl Farnik, a principal investigator of drug trials at the Toronto Hospital. The drugs, many of which are in the final stages of clinical trials, hold great significance as currently there are no medications on the market in Canada to treat Alzheimer Disease symptoms.

The most promising drugs seem to stabilize or heighten levels of functioning in persons suffering mild or moderate Alzheimer's symptoms. Dr. Farnik feels that caregivers will also benefit with the introduction of drugs.

"A person taking medication may be able to function better and this would decrease the burden on the caregiver."

While the new drugs may alleviate Alzheimer symptoms, they are not a cure for the disease. But increased research paves the way for advances such as additional drug testing and multi-drug therapy research.

Dr. Serge Gauthier, Director of the McGill Centre for Studies in Aging in Montreal, feels that the efforts to date are critical to the next step. "Although the emphasis so far has been on short

term benefits, we are about to engage in long-term studies that could well lead to prevention."

The Alzheimer Society of Canada is encouraged by the research activity.

"The increased level of drug research provides hope for treatment and cure as well as increases awareness of the disease", says Alzheimer Canada Executive Director, Steve Rubin.

In addition to supporting research, the Society produces drug information sheets and facilitates participation in drug testing across the country.

Anyone who has a family member suffering from the disease can relate to the fear, frustration and uncertainty of seeing someone they love affected by it. The Alzheimer Society of Canada with its over 120 provincial and local groups addresses those concerns with a multitude of available resources and support programs and by supporting ongoing research into the disease. Rubin feels extremely encouraged by the research so far. "The increased level of activity in Alzheimer research not only provides hope for treatment and a cure but also increases awareness and interest in the disease."

Our local Olds/Didsbury Alzheimer and Longterm Caregiver's Support Group is one of the 120 groups mentioned above. Meetings are held monthly, alternately between Olds and Didsbury. Helpful resources are available through this group by attending meetings or phoning 335-3409.

January is Alzheimer Awareness Month in Canada. It is a time to learn about the advances in research and care through the media. Take time to read, watch and listen.



CARVING OUT A GOOD TIME

A Christmas feast, prepared and served by parent volunteers, staff and student council members hit the spot December 18. Among those who enjoyed the meal were Lindsay Bullis, Amy Coates, Cory May, Rachel Fisher, Ashley Montgrand and Spring Phillips, all Grade 8 students at Westglen. Photo by Gene Hartmann



A TEAM THAT REALLY COOKS

Carol Valteau, positioned just left of the stove, was at the helm making sure a tradition dating back to "year one" at Westglen School played out without a hitch. Valteau said she noticed "big smiles everywhere", and explained that the December 18 meal, served approximately 400 students, staff, busdrivers and more. Pictured are Phil Corning, Kathleen Windsor, Diane Arnold, Sandy Leiper, Carol Valteau, Linda Brander, Bill Windsor and Debbie Wattam. Photo by Gene Hartmann

The mystery and intrigue of it all

The Twelve Days of Christmas is a lovely song as are the gifts mentioned on it. One family in Edmonton received the final gift in their 12 days, which was one in each year and they are still very puzzled as theirs came from all over the world.

Well I have an exciting story to tell also. Every morning there was a bag tied to my back door with a gift and a small slip of paper inside with the most beautiful printing on it, noting the "first day of Christmas" etc. right up to the 12th day with a beautiful card "For You" in the envelope, and I received



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candles, candy canes, oranges, ten packages of hot chocolate, 11 gold and silver balls for the Christmas tree, the lovely little 8 legged spider ornament with the "Legend of the Christmas spider on a scroll" (I had forgotten that old, old story), pencils, a 1997 weekly reminder book, homemade shortbread cookies, etc., etc., always with the same beautiful printing. To this lovely person who went to all this work to surprise me every morning, it was so exciting to open the door each morning and my sincerest wishes to you for a wonderful 1997.

Prairie Partners Multi 4-H Club

By Jonathan Dowell

Wow, back to another year of Head, Heart, Health, Hands, showing and having fun.

It's 4-H and our year has started. It started on October 3 at Mitch Forsters house. This is where we had our election of officers.

Our President is Scott Schmick and our Vice-President is Lindsey Sakariassen, our Treasurer is Megan Dowell and our Secretary is Andrea Schmick. Our club reporter is me, Jonathan

Dowell. Our Historians are Jill Stevens and Chrissy Jochems and our representative at District Meetings is Mitch Forster.



This year we have 18 members and three Pee Wees. On November 7 we had our second meeting of the year at Chrissy Jochems house. We decided to make a shoebox and send it to Zaire, and we found out that we sponsored a little girl in Zaire.

On November 24 we had our

weigh-in at Ken Taylor's place. Dr. Gord Krebs and Mr. Kelly Rogers from Merok Frost Canada in Calgary donated the Ivomec which we used on our calves at weigh-in.

On December 12 we had our third meeting of the year at Stacey Hannah's house. We each brought a couple non-perishable food items and Dwayne Dowell's family donated a turkey and we all donated it to the Carstairs Food Bank.

On December 22 we had our Christmas party in Airdrie at the Bowling Alley. Season's greetings to all.

The Dragon's Den

Here's a look at what major events happened in November: **Education Week at DHS**

Ross Ford students were treated to another extraordinary experience by DHS teachers and students during Education Week. A brief description of the events that took place is:

Heart Dissections by Mrs. Terry Ann Robertson's Biology 30 Class: Twelve Biology students helped Mrs. Robertson discuss the heart function with the aid of posters, hand outs and computer simulation. Mrs. Merten's 2B and Mr. Tyler's 3A classes were able to review the heart's functions first hand by dissecting heart specimens in small groups. Ross Ford students had all kinds of interesting comments on the session from "the rich blood and poor blood was cool", "it was very neat", "I loved going to the lab, it was very cool" to: "the hearts were gross" and "I felt sorry for the pig".

Line Dancing by Mrs. Deb Sellers Physical Education 9 Class: Grade 4 students were treated to a lesson on the "Macarena" dance. Original line dances which the students created were also performed to hits like: "Everybody Dance Now", "Wild One", "Boot Scoot n' Boogie" and more.

Instrument and Band Skill by Mr. Todd Klein's Senior Band Group: The DHS Jazz band performed for Mrs. Nuss' 3D class and Mrs. Hrabok's 2D class. Rehearsal techniques were also reviewed.

Science Experiments by Mr. Steve Thompson's Chemistry 20 Class: Grade Twos were awed to watch pennies turn to silver and gold; grow crystal trees, and cause liquid to turn blue then back to its original color just by shaking, plus many more exciting experiments.

Sport Vocabulary by Mrs. Terry Ann Robertson's Senior French Students: Grade 9 French students performed a drama, read, did some short exercises, taught a song and performed an aerobic session (all en francais) with Mr. Arthur's Grade 3 class.

Food Preparation by Mrs. William's CTS Students: Mrs. Paton's 2C class got a head start on their Christmas baking by making delicious gingerbread cookies.

Math Skills for Mr. Mark Leggette's Math Students: Mrs. Eckstrand's grade 3 class of 23 students played math bingo, math computer games and completed math word puzzles.

History Comes to Life with Mrs. Denise Miller's Social 20 Class: History did come to life during the Social 20's presentation to Miss Turner's grade one class. Canada was represented along with 10 countries. Flags, music and food were presented, heard and consumed.

Social Surprise with Mr. Herb Neuberger's Social 33 Class: Four centers were created for grade 4 students to experience. At the geography center students learned names of places in Alberta. The environment center taught the main concepts of re-use, recycle and reduce. Students experienced what it would have been like to live in Didsbury at the turn of the century in the history center and at the mapping center students worked with four major geographical features

of Canada and then created playdough symbols to represent the physical features of each area.

Ross Ford students and teachers appreciate all the effort put forth by teachers and students.

Mrs. Terry Ann Robertson coordinated another successful week.

Another Fantastic Volleyball Season for DHS Teams

JV Boys: On Thursday, November 7 the JV boys coached by Mrs. Steve Thompson and Mr. Iain Paton played in the county tournament and, for the second year

in a row lost to Olds in the finals. The boys had an excellent year attending four tournaments in Three Hills, Didsbury, Chestermere and Acme. They improved tremendously throughout the season and are going to be a strong team with nine grade 9 players returning to play J.V. boys volleyball again next year.

JV Girls: The JV girls volleyball team wrapped up a fantastic season at zones in High River on November 23. The girls played very well and should be proud of their efforts. We ended up second

in the county after a grueling match against Olds. During the season we learned the following: Melissa can play power, Andrea does own knee pads, Lindsey does have a vertical, Mandy can tip without a carry, Mackenzie can eat a lot of pie, Deanna has an awesome hit, Tracy has excellent recovery, Eliza can serve overhand, Stacey plays a great middle, and Aimee likes to play the net. Congratulations on a great improvement throughout the season.

SR Girls: The SR girls volleyball placed second in counties with a close match lost to Olds. The girls also won the regional tournament on November 16. The team went to zones on November 23 and made the playoffs but lost to Hanna. Congratulations on a good year girls.

SR Boys: The SR boys team placed third in the counties. The boys made playoffs in tournaments in both Drumheller and Cochrane. They wrapped up the season by placing fifth in zones. They were an enthusiastic team

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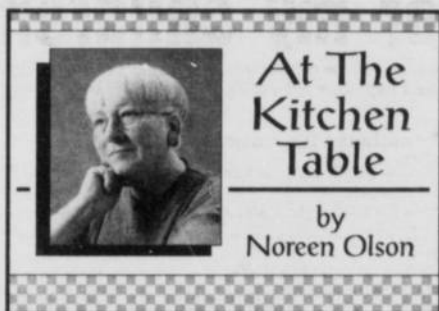
Season in, season out, we sow and grow together.

For close to 60 years, we have cultivated our relationship with Alberta farm families. And over the years, we have turned the dreams of Albertans in rural and urban communities into actuality. We are Alberta born. We are Alberta raised. We are 900,000 Albertans strong and growing. We are Alberta Treasury Branches. And our evolution as Alberta's largest supplier of custom financial services continues. Come talk to us about your first crop or one of the 75 products we offer.

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I don't bake much anymore. I am diabetic, my beloved does not do quite as much manual labor as he used to and we don't pack school lunches so the double fudge brownies, chocolate chip cookies, mile-high raisin pie and cinnamon buns are few and far between. We sometimes buy a package of commercial cookies so Ralph will have something to go with his coffee and quite often Ralph's sister Marie brings us a tin of Welsh Cakes. Welsh Cakes have become Marie's specialty and she makes them very well. The recipe came from our friends, the Davies. Welsh Cakes are round, rich, soft, biscuit-like cookies that are bursting with currants and baked in an electric frying pan. When our Japanese student was with us she loved Welsh Cakes and took the recipe home to Japan. Months later she wrote that, "Welsh Cakes much success, Father helped to boil."

And then comes Christmas and the kids are coming home and I am compelled by custom, tradition, love and some basic primal instinct to bake something. In the days when I packed school lunches I could turn out a batch of cookies with one hand and mend blue jeans with the other. I reached for the ingredients without even looking, and could smell when a batch of cookies was ready to come out of the oven. I bought brown sugar in the large economy bag and it never had time to get hard. Margarine was unrefrigerated because I wanted it soft enough to cream quickly, I always had coconut on hand and walnuts didn't stay in the fridge long enough to get cold, let alone rancid. I made date-filled oatmeal cookies, boiled raisin, chocolate chip, Norwegian butter cookies and sugar cookies. The cookie section of my recipe file was two inches thick and I was always on the lookout for more recipes that were nutritious and travelled well. I could bake four kinds of cookies between lunch and coffee time and the freezer always held at least one ice cream pail full of cookies.

How quickly we forget. Before I begin I have to wash the mixer bowls because they have been unused for so long that they are dusty. The margarine is hard and the butter that I need for the shortbread is harder. Brown sugar has to be chipped from the bag and the chocolate chips I plan to melt for dipping have that bit of white bloom that says "we have been in the fridge for a long, long time." The maple flavoring that I wanted to use in the sugar cookies has long ago evaporated and I have to make a special trip to town to get the sweetened condensed milk I need for coconut macaroons and caramel squares. Still I persevere and when my kids come home we will have cookies. And not just any cookies either. They will be the cookies that they remember from all the Christmases of their childhood and one more thread in the tradition that binds us together as a family.

The sugar cookies are stamped with the same special old glass that has been dipped in white sugar and leaves a star burst imprint. The gingershops are dipped in sugar as well and this year they will be just round and sparkly. We used to roll out the dough and cut boys and girls and then ice them as assorted characters. Vikings and Beekeepers, Nana Mouskouri, Albert Einstein. Whipped shortbread so fluffy it floats off the plate and dipped scotch shortbread from a recipe card with a note that says, "Nellie, 1971." The butter-scotch recipe is from Nellie too, and at the bottom of the recipe, after it says, "cut into squares" some child has written, "that's impossible!!" We learned to ladle the boiling mixture, a tablespoon at a time, into muffin tins and then score each perfect circle so that it would break into neat half moons.

With the same one pound coffee tins I have used for thirty years I make Brazil Nut Fruit Cake, almost solid with nuts and cherries. I still have one in the fridge from last year but I pretend not to notice. This year, Leanna, a favorite niece, sent us Yulebrod from Mom Olson's recipe so I didn't have to bake bread. And a good thing too, as I am also sadly out of practice in bread baking. My sister Marj and I made carrot pudding and caramel sauce from our mother's recipe and our daughter Kirsten m... and dipped the Scotch Shortbread so most of the traditions were maintained and the proper tastes of the season prevailed.

And now the season is over for another year, most of the goodies are gone and the mixer can go back to collecting dust. Was it worth the effort? Yes. Will I do it all again next year? Yes, gratefully, and for as long as I am able.

Happy 1997. May it be filled with family, tradition, good health, good food, and love.

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Words from Westglen

By Sarah Ferguson

Well it's back to reality again. We at Westglen hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday and we hope all our students are ready to enjoy life at Westglen in 1997.

We know everyone enjoyed our annual turkey dinner held on December 18. All 357 students along with special guests and staff members were served by parent volunteers. Mrs. Valleau coordinated the dinner and Mountain View Bakery and AG Foods graciously delivered the groceries to the school. Volunteers who helped cook and serve the great meal were: Diane Arnold, Julie Birch, Linda Brander, Cindy Collinge, Mr. Corning, Doris

Garland, Sharon Hildebrandt, Sandy Leiper, Barry Lunt, Ursula and Russ McRae, Debbie Wattam and Kathleen and Bill Windsor.

Basketball is the sport of the season and our teams are doing well. Both the boys and the girls teams won all their

games before Christmas with Amanda Schneider and Karla Shultz the strong scorers for

the girls and Cory Halfyard shooting well for the boys. Congratulations to all and the best of luck for the rest of the season.

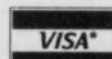
The Student Council is looking forward to more activities in the new year. On January 21 there is a trip to the Opera in Calgary. The cost is \$5 and the sign-up sheet is at the office. Everyone is welcome to attend and we hope to have as good a turn out as last time. See or call Mrs. Visser for details.

Happy New Year to everyone from Westglen School.



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For more information on the Alberta Pipeline Project, contact:
W.L. Graburn, APP Project Leader and President, CU Gas Limited (403) 245-7630

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Education reform - what's in it for my children?

By Koni Macdonald

As a mother of two pre-school children, I can only hope that some of the reforms being made to the education system will benefit and not destroy the lives of my children.

Take achievement testing for example. When teachers from across the province met for their annual meeting in Calgary this past May, they passed two resolutions that particularly interested me. One urged the Department of Education to discontinue the Achievement Testing Program at the Grade 3 level and the other opposed the distribution to the public of school-specific achievement tests. These resolutions caused a minor furor with the press and I started to wonder that side of the fence I stood on with these issues.

To make a long story short, I agree with the teachers. One very good reason is that I believe children at the age of seven or eight, or any age for that matter, should enjoy learning for the sheer joy of it. Plain and simple. Teachers should feel free (as long as they cover the curriculum) to talk about what interests students at the time - about the butterfly when they see it, and the light-

ning when it darts across the sky outside the classroom windows - not be bound to a curriculum that will put their school on or off the local newspaper's "most desirable schools" list.

I am worried that there will not be a place for the diversity and creativity I see in my children today. I fear I will encourage them to conform so they will survive in a system where the designated "correct" answer is the only answer and getting there at their own pace, in their own way, won't be good enough. I fear I will rush them along the straight and narrow path so they will not be left behind when academic excellence is the only game in town.

And what if they don't get As and Bs? Will they still feel good about themselves? Will the 50 per cent of the students who aren't above average have enough self-esteem left to stay interested in

school and believe they have a worthwhile contribution to make to society? And what will happen to the schools that don't place in the top half when the results get published? Will parents start to worry about the quality of education their children are receiving and want to move their children to the top-ranking schools, creating first- and second-rate publicly funded schools?

When I went through the school system all walks of life were valued. Schooling added joy to my life simply because I was encouraged to learn for its own sake. The thought of a competitive grade school environment scares me. I hope my children will not have their natural quest for knowledge spoiled by the dog-eat-dog world of competition where students measure their worth by comparing themselves with others.

I hope Alberta Education seri-

ously considers these recommendations and any other education

reforms that may threaten the self-esteem of tomorrow's leaders.

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with a lot of potential but never learned to finish.

Coaches for the season were Mr. Kent Drever, SR boys; Mrs. Deb Sellers, SR girls; Miss Dana Daines, JV girls and Mr. Steve Thompson and Mr. Iain Paton, JV boys.

Congratulations to all teams on an incredible season.

The snow and cold weather has kept DHS students and staff focused on course work - final exams for semestered courses are just around the

corner! January will see even greater concentration (and some anxiety by students) especially by the grade 12s facing diploma exams.

The Christmas season kicked off in fine style at the Band Dinner Concert held in Westglen's gym. The grade 9s, Jazz Band and Senior Concert Band all sounded great. Mr. Klein also had a special treat for the audience with the full band playing Christmas carols for everyone to sing along.

Antifreeze liquid death for pets

Imagine finding a chocolate milkshake on the counter and drinking it, only to find out it's a deadly poison. It sounds bizarre, but to your pet antifreeze is sweet, tasty and potentially fatal.

Veterinarians across Alberta are reminding all animal owners that the antifreeze that might fall from their vehicle while preparing it for the cold can be fatal to their pets. Quantities as low as one teaspoon can kill, and animals love the taste.

"We see more cases of antifreeze poisoning at this time of year," says Dr. Brent Jackson, a small animal practitioner and president of the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). "People are preparing their vehicles for winter and often don't realize how tasty, and deadly, antifreeze is to their pets. It's important that people take precautions to prevent exposure of their pet to any potential source of antifreeze." Radiator coolant and windshield washer fluid are two of the most common sources.

Antifreeze ingestion is a medical emergency. Animals that have ingested antifreeze will appear drunk and may vomit. They may be drowsy, uncoordinated or develop seizures. Unless treated immediately the animal will progress into irreversible kidney failure within 24 to 72 hours, leading to a coma or death.

If you suspect your pet has ingested antifreeze, or any other poison, get it to a veterinarian immediately. If you have a sample of the poison, bring it with you. Prompt treatment is essential because of the potential for permanent damage. Hospitalization and intensive treatment are required to treat most antifreeze poisonings. For more information contact your local veterinarian.



Sheryl ROTHERT

So....now what's to eat?

Sheryl Rothert, is a wife, a mother, and an advocate of healthy food choices with a B.Sc. B.Ed. in Home Economics. With more than a decade's worth of teaching experience, Rothert now offers tips and recipes for today's busy family.

Okay, here we go, time to pull in the reins on both our spending AND eating! The holidays sure are fun, but that "aftermath" sure gets us, hey?! This meatloaf recipe is one of the best I've found for meatloaf, which is a good moneysaver and a good "stick-to-your-ribs" kind of thing for the cold weather.

All Glazed Over Meatloaf

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| 1 1/2 lb. lean ground beef | 2 Tbsp. ketchup |
| 1/2 c. dry bread crumbs | 1 tsp. prepared mustard |
| 1/2 c. onion, finely chopped | 1 tsp. salt |
| 1/2 c. milk, 1% | 1/2 tsp. pepper |

Glaze: 2 Tbsp. prepared mustard 1 Tbsp. vinegar
2 Tbsp. brown sugar

1. Combine meatloaf ingredients in a large bowl and mix well.
2. Firmly pack into a 9" X 5" loaf pan.
3. Bake at 350F for 45 min.
4. Blend ingredients for glaze and spoon over meatloaf, then return to oven and bake 15 min. more.
5. Drain any fat and let stand 10 - 15 min. to set before slicing.

****Serves 4 - 6 with rice and coleslaw.

Tip of the Week: Double the recipe and make two at a time - save one just for sandwiches the next day or keep in the freezer.

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Transitions in school - how to help kids cope

By Susan Rogers

Hands up all of you who experienced some trepidation when you entered Grades 1, 7 and 10 - You aren't alone. Last September, I visited several schools and found that it's a traumatic time for most students. Neil, a 13-year-old, told me, "The day before junior high started I was very nervous, I just practically lost it but then I came here and after a few weeks I'm doing fine." Most children experience mixed emotions at these milestones, perhaps because at each stage, a part of childhood is being left behind.

Five-year-olds may not realize how much they learn in kindergarten. Jessica told me, "In kindergarten you get to play, play, play but in Grade 1 you get more stuff to do like math and writing." Entering Grade 1 means finally becoming a "big kid" with "real" school work to do. But a full day of

school is often physically and mentally demanding. Some youngsters fall asleep in the afternoon while others respond to the strain of sitting in class all day by exploding in a blast of energy as soon as they get home. No matter how your child copes, it's probably wise to limit out-of-school activities for the first few months. As well, setting regular times for bath, story and bedtime, will help a child adjust to a daily routine.

Pre-teens may act like they can't wait to get out of elementary school, but those first few weeks in junior high can be a tremendous shock. In Grade 6 they finally become the top dogs. It's a big loss of status when they find themselves the youngest ones in the school again. The familiar, comfortable world of elementary school is abruptly replaced by a fast-paced blur of new school mates, different teachers for each

subject and class changes every 50 minutes. Charlotte Ruppel, a guidance counsellor with Edmonton Public School Board notes,

"Parents often wonder what we're doing to children in junior high because their behavior changes so radically. The shift from easy-going Grade 6 students to thin-skinned teens, makes life at home and school an emotional roller coaster - you're never sure what you are going to encounter." Finding ways to create stability for your Grade 7 child can ease the situation.

During the second week of school, Neil discovered, "There's lots of stuff to remember, teachers and numbers - my locker, student number, room numbers and in Grade 6 we got to keep all our stuff in our desk - now we have to keep going back to our lockers and it's hard to keep track of everything." Teachers agree that the immediate challenge for Grade 7 students is mastering organizational skills. Encourage your child to develop a system for keeping track of school work and supplies and try to establish a routine of setting aside a quiet time after supper for homework.

High school is another step further away from home both emotionally and possibly geographically. In a discussion about the change, Megan, a 15-year-old from Edmonton, described her feelings, "It's much more pressure. At first I was really scared...would I be popular, would homework be hard, would I like my teachers?" Her friend, VeeJay added, "But you get a lot more freedom and teachers don't treat you like babies, they treat you with more respect." Teachers also expect students to be more responsible, school work becomes more demanding, parents pay more attention to grades and the amount of homework increases. As well, teens are beginning to think about

life after school. Charlotte Ruppel observes, "Grade 10 students realize that what they do now counts. Their choices and the marks they get make a significant difference to their future." So it's natural that many kids feel the pressure. Reactions to these challenges vary. Teachers notice some Grade 10 kids become "goofy," while others seem pessimistic and discouraged.

Students at all stages need parents to participate actively in their education. Talking about what's happening in school is the first step, and while younger kids may be eager to participate, few teens come right out and say what's on their minds. But you can be attuned to opportunities for discussion. At the same time you should resist the urge to leap in with suggestions; teens rarely

appreciate direct advice. Instead, listen to what your child is saying and try to guide her to her own solution. Show your interest in what's going on at school by attending school events, parent-teacher meetings and open houses. It's unfortunate that parent participation tends to drop off in secondary schools. While there are fewer opportunities to get involved in classroom activities, teachers still appreciate getting to know parents and learning more about their students. Being involved in what's going on at school throughout your child's education can really make a difference.

Helping kids gain confidence in their ability to cope with change sets them on the right track. After all, there will be many more transitions ahead!



GETTING A LITTLE BEHIND IN THE SCHEDULE

Three-year-old James Lefebvre chose to scoot down the hill sans toboggan as mom Alison Lefebvre looked on. Photo by Elaine Wilson

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Wise men still seek Him

"Be sure you have three different sources of light with you," cautioned one of the park interpreters as I made my way into the darkness of a lava formed cavern.

When I got in I understood what he meant. The darkness of the cavern was such that it seemed to eat up my tiny little light so that I could barely see where to put my next footstep. A few foot-steps inside and even the light that marked my point of entrance disappeared. "Oh, that I had more light to find my way," I thought to myself as I vainly tried to stab the darkness with the beam of the flashlight.

"Oh, that I had more light to find my way!" These are often words that I find myself uttering as I journey through life trying to

make wise choices in an otherwise unclear and sometimes very dark world. They are also words

that come to mind at the beginning of this New Year as I consider my life's journey thus far and as I ponder what lies ahead. If only I could see further ahead... see whether my life will be prosperous or one of adversity. Will I experience sickness or health, success or failure, healthy, happy relationships or personal pain?

We may guess, even take a stab in the dark but more often than not we find ourselves stumbling and groping around. "Oh if I only had more light!"

God knows the darkness of our lives and was not content to let us go stumbling and groping

through life. Instead He promised to send His light into the world.

Centuries ago a special star appeared in the East. Whether the Wise Men realized it or not, God's promise to being light into the world had been fulfilled. The promise was made flesh. Where was this glorious light of life? It was all in a child, who was named Jesus, which means "Saviour." The spotlight shines not on a throne room but on the manger. Then it goes on to the focal point of our Redeemer's coming: in the midst of Good Friday's midday darkness we see death, but God sends forth spiritual light. And Easter dawn reveals the truth as the light shines forth from the empty tomb and reveals the resurrected Saviour! Christ has been given for us for forgiveness of our sins. He is the light of the life which has come into the world to make known the way of eternal life. And so that we

would not miss it God has put His light of truth before us in His Word.

It is in His Word that I have found a particular passage of great comfort and sure light. In the traveller's Psalm (Psalm 121) we read, "The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; he shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore."

Friends we do not know what will come to us this year. We can not say for certain that our life will be without accidents or devastating storms or illness or death, but we do know God's promise. The one who did not spare His own son to rescue us promises to look over our lives.

This is the confidence we have as we journey through the post-Christmas blues, and the darkness of the long January night. Here is our security and the hope of all who continue life's journey

into the New Year:

"The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; he shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth and even forevermore."

"Wise men seek him still," the saying goes. In the midst of the darkness and our days of stumbling and groping our Lord desires us to keep looking to him to guide and preserve our lives for now and eternity, according to his good and gracious will.

Remember this traveller's psalm daily as you travel through the new year. Pray it regularly. God placed it in the Bible for you and me even as He has placed His Son into our world to bring light and life to all.

"Arise, shine your light is come!" (Isaiah 60:1). May God's Son shine brightly over your life in 1997 blessing you with comfort and hope unto eternity!

Youth Justice Committees endorsed

The Criminal Justice Task Group of Alberta and Northwest Conference of The United Church of Canada endorses the establishment of Youth Justice Committees and invites community members to become involved. There does appear to be some confusion about how these committees, which establish sentencing circles, are formed and operate. The circles consist of concerned and caring citizens who donate their time to the principle of restorative justice. As the young offender has already declared his/her guilt, and agreed to go before a sentencing circle, the circle does not declare guilt or innocence as would a jury. Instead, the circle determines what the consequences will be, and ensures that the young offender completes the required projects.

The Youth Justice Committees only work with young offenders who have committed a first time non-violent offense. We recognize that the young offender should recognize the pain and anger of the victim. The Youth Justice Committees listen to the victim. Often the victim and young offender face each other in the circle. This enables the victim to be heard and to be a part of the process of restorative justice. In this way, justice not only can be done, it can be seen to be done, as the young person apologizes either as a spoken apology, by a written apology, or both.

The law, enacted by the government, enables a community to take part in the fulfillment of the law. Governments enact laws, people are responsible under the law, and can help to make the law liveable in community. For example, young offenders who have written graf-

fit on walls can be sentenced to remove the graffiti and do several hours of community service, recognizing that the entire community is hurt when an offense is committed.

There appears to be some concern that the names of the young persons whose offenses are dealt with in sentencing circles do not become public knowledge. In order for the young person to become a part of a community which cares about restorative justice, the young person does not need to be publicly labelled as a criminal. Instead, community members can become involved, and help the young person complete hours of community work. Also, as the offenses are often as small as stolen chocolate bars or a broken window, making the names public would not help the young person be responsible for some "crime". How many adults who get a speeding ticket have their names published?

Justice can be a part of the community's responsibility, as communities become involved with the justice system, by establishing and working with Youth Justice Committees. Get a copy of the Act; read the Act; help the Young Offenders Act to help, not harm, young people.

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The Way of Life

People of character

More than presents elaborately decorated, and tables abundantly laden, and houses inordinately filled, Christmas is about character. It is the time of year when people of outstanding character

continue to act in ways which make them outstanding. And it is the time of year when the qualities of these outstanding people are appreciated by others. That is why Christmas is a time for the worship and praise of God. And that is why Christmas is a time for being together with special people. But how do we identify these people of character? We identify people of character by watching them and by walking with them.

In this season of celebrated birth, I had the privilege of walking with a family who mourned death. In honor of the deceased, cultures came together, generations sat together, faiths prayed together. Diversity found its unity in one whose life was valued. She was a woman of character.

This Christmas season has reminded us once again that character is ultimately important. Jesus Christ did not come to this earth to remain a child, weak and in need. Instead, Jesus came as one who experienced all the struggles of our world, yet persevered to become the Savior. In the same way, people of character

are those whose perseverance in life and in death make them special. Despite all odds and adversities, people of character believe that the fullness of life is always larger than their present experience of it. People of character have an amazing capacity to relate to different generations and faiths and cultures. They are valued by all whom they touch.

In the gospel of Luke, the Christmas story ends this way: And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor (Luke 2:52).

The baby Jesus is growing up to be the Savior, the person of ultimate character. In these post-Christmas days, we also have the opportunity to grow in wisdom, in favor with God and all humanity. We have the opportunity to grow into a person of character. I will be eternally thankful for the example of Jesus and this woman of faith and character.



Bruce WIEBE
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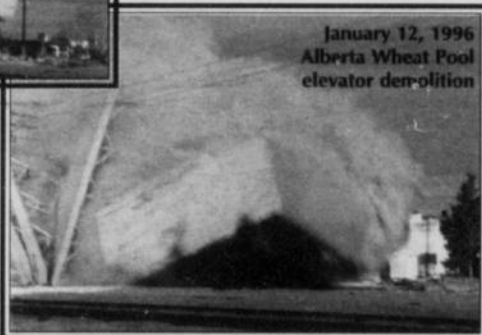
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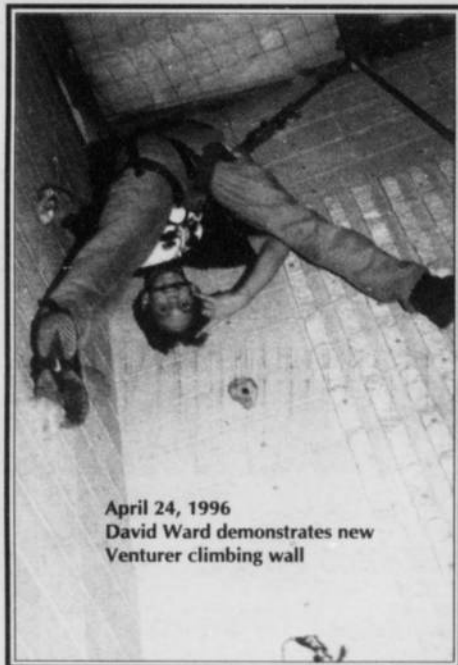


January 12, 1996
Alberta Wheat Pool
elevator demolition

January 3- Heavy snowfall blankets Didsbury. January 7- First joint service of the amalgamated Zion Evangelical Church held. January 12- Alberta Wheat Pool elevator #2 topples. January 18- Didsbury Outreach School loses eight computers in robbery. January 28- Ernie Hoelt led the medal parade with a gold in seniors bowling as Didsburians returned victorious from the Drumheller Big Country Winter Games.



April 24, 1996
David Ward demonstrates new
Venturer climbing wall

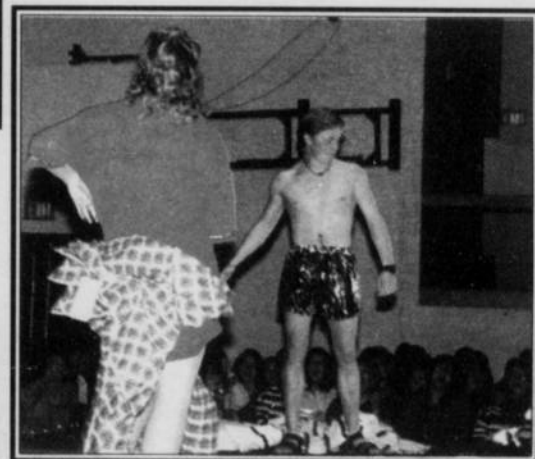


May 1, 1996
Todd Hnatiuk participates in Power of
Excellence program

February 5- Health Services Foundation launched. February 16- MP Myron Thompson hosts lively coffee meeting session at local restaurant. February 26- Bob Clark returns from South Africa with much to share. February 27- Westglen School bands host candlelit coffee house concert.



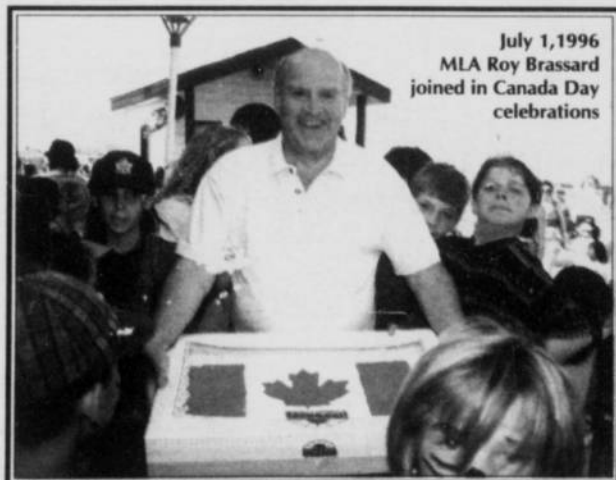
March 7, 1996
Rick Kohut at Didsbury '96 Spring Grad Fashion Show



March 1- Didsbury hosts Southern Alberta Youth Playdowns curling bonspiel. March 6- Town announces reduction in commercial mill rates. March 22- Red Cross Achievement Awards handed out. March 24- Roads wash out west of Didsbury as rivers overflow. March 26- Lone Pine Sales holds official grand opening celebrations at their new building in Didsbury.

May 3- Ribbon cutting ceremony held to officially open new addition at Lawn Bowling Club. May 4- Miranda Brazzale takes top honors at inaugural Baby Crawl Contest put on by the La Leche League. May- Westglen's Ron Tyler earns provincial honor as a recipient of an award naming him one of the top 20 teachers in Alberta. May 15- Show and Shine results announced. May 17- Hanna handily beats Didsbury in Participation Sneaker Day Challenge. July 1- A full moon delays Canada fireworks display and shines. That same night a rash of minor criminal activity is investigated by the RCMP. Sondre's Alex Gardner sets off for the Atlanta Olympics, representing Canada in the demo bullriding event. July 7- Pee Wee girls baseball team captures provincial win. July 12- Numerous awards won by locals at Calgary Stampede. July 17- Dog Pound holds 90th annual Rodeo. July 31- Reclamation of old pool site completed just prior to onset of heavy rainfall.

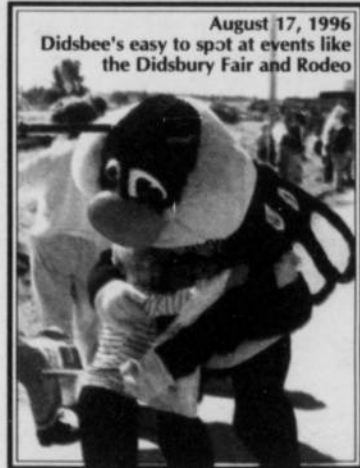
April 13- Record numbers flock to Didsbury Trade and Art Show. April 20- Cremona Lions celebrate 27th annual Charter Night. April 30- Ken and Jamie Brian win a major prize (a 1997 Jeep) in the Foothills Hospital Home Lottery Contest.



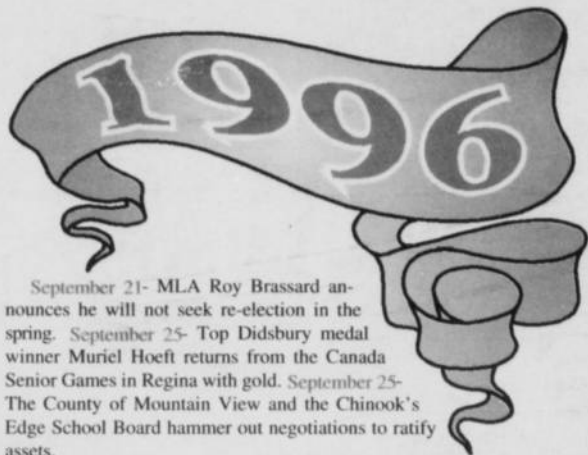
July 1, 1996
MLA Roy Brassard
joined in Canada Day
celebrations

June 1- Didsbury High School holds graduation ceremonies. June 3- Cadet Inspection held. June 5- Westglen Grade 8 band takes top honors at Provincials for the second year in a row. June 8- Dale Adamkewich, an escaped convict wanted for numerous theft and fraud crimes in the area and across the province, and who eluded local capture, drowned at Creston B.C. June 12- Former St. Cyprian's Anglican Church moved off site to make room for new structure. June 15- Hail control program launched at Olds-Didsbury airport. June 17- Didsbury elects to go with the City of Red Deer over Calgary as proposed E-911 service provider. June 20- Didsbury and Olds are jointly awarded the 1999 Alberta Senior Summer Games. June 21- Didsbury RCMP seize a "sizable quantity" of marijuana in a drug bust. June 26- "School Swap" proposal (a suggestion by the school board that student over and under population discrepancies could be addressed by trading students) raises eyebrows locally.

August 7- Ground broken in earnest at new Mountain View Credit Union building site. August 9- Country singer Susan Graham returns to her home turf to entertain at the County Fair. August 16- Didsbury Fair and Rodeo packs 'em in, followed by first-ever Didsbury Outlaws 4-H Rodeo. August 21- Residents rumble about cats on the loose and bicycles on the sidewalks. August 28- It's back to school time for Didsbury students.



August 17, 1996
Didsbee's easy to spot at events like
the Didsbury Fair and Rodeo



September 21- MLA Roy Brassard announces he will not seek re-election in the spring. September 25- Top Didsbury medal winner Muriel Hoeft returns from the Canada Senior Games in Regina with gold. September 25- The County of Mountain View and the Chinook's Edge School Board hammer out negotiations to ratify assets.



October 20, 1996

A slice of history brought to life east of Didsbury



October 2- Health Unit workers out on strike; back to work within the week. October 8- Didsbury Urban Crime watch, in danger of folding due to lack of participation attracts respectable gathering at fall meeting to announce "We're back in business". October 29- Area residents pack into crowded county council chambers to observe proceedings at intensive hog development appeal. The farmers' appeal to halt the development was upheld by Appeal Board. October 29- Richard Marz elected as successor to Roy Brassard as riding representative for the Progressive Conservative Party.

December 20, 1996
Claude Baril sports shorts to mark the shortest day of the year. His bid to find supporters for proposed new tradition fails to garner widespread support.

November 12- Special meeting held in town council chambers to hear citizens' concerns regarding proposed waterslide installation. November

26- Town of Didsbury announces elimination of airport grant; Olds continues grant. November 27- Cold snap descends on town; Health Authority #5 announces restructuring is planned for Didsbury District Health Services.



December 18, 1996
Dawna Faryna formally introduces 'Lady' to Santa and Mrs. Claus

December 4- Snow removal budget depleted. December 7- First-ever Santa Claus parade held in Didsbury. December 10- First-ever joint school council meeting held to discuss "school swap" proposals and Futures Process. December 11- MLA Roy Brassard comes out strongly against proposed program cut backs and bed reductions at DDHS. December- Redeemer Lutheran host annual Christmas tradition- the Outdoor Live Nativity.

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New Year's Resolutions



Art and Marg Weaver

"Art's New Year's Resolution is to make this year better than last," Marg said, "And mine is to make sure that everybody who's around me is happy. Last year our resolutions were just to be happy and do as much for the community as we could, and we did, and that's about it."

Best Wishes
for the
New Year!

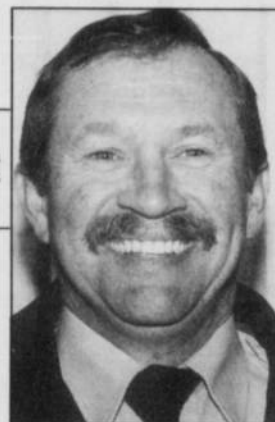
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a brief glimpse at the people and events in our community



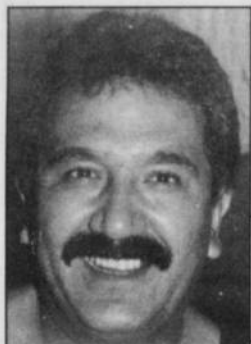
Linda Vernon Third

"I'm going to take a little time for myself, time to smell the roses. And I've got myself my treadmill going so I'm getting in shape for '97."



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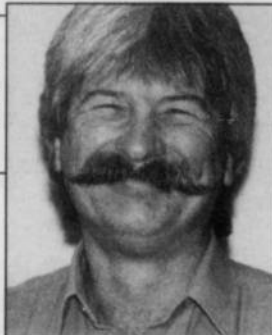
"(I resolved) to get out of the Edmonton area and be posted to Didsbury and it worked."



Rick Mousseau

"I didn't keep last year's- to lose weight. I make 'em but I never keep 'em anyway. I'll take another crack at it this year."

Gary Dolha
"I didn't make a New Year's Resolution; I'm still working on last year's- to be a good boy, to be the best I can. I'd like to send out peace, and brotherhood and sisterhood to everybody."



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With the cost of ice time always increasing, it is becoming more difficult to allocate specific training time for goalies. Most ice time ends up devoted to developing plays and strategies for the forwards and defencemen.

"Ice time is so expensive in all of the communities. It is becoming so limited in the major centres. Therefore, coaches can't spend the amount of time that they should on goaltending," claims Engel.

As President of the North Cen-

tral Hockey League, Engel sees the lack of facilities available to meet the growing needs of the different hockey leagues. In looking for training for his son who plays goal, he has also experienced first hand the frustration of not being able to find accessible training opportunities.

"We were going to other communities looking for training and there wasn't anything really in Central Alberta. People are driving two hours to get training," explains Engel.

Recognizing an opportunity, Jack Engel decided to open Goalies Edge in Red Deer earlier this year. After unsuccessfully approaching the banks, Engel came to Alberta Opportunity Company for the financing he needed to renovate his space and purchase equipment.

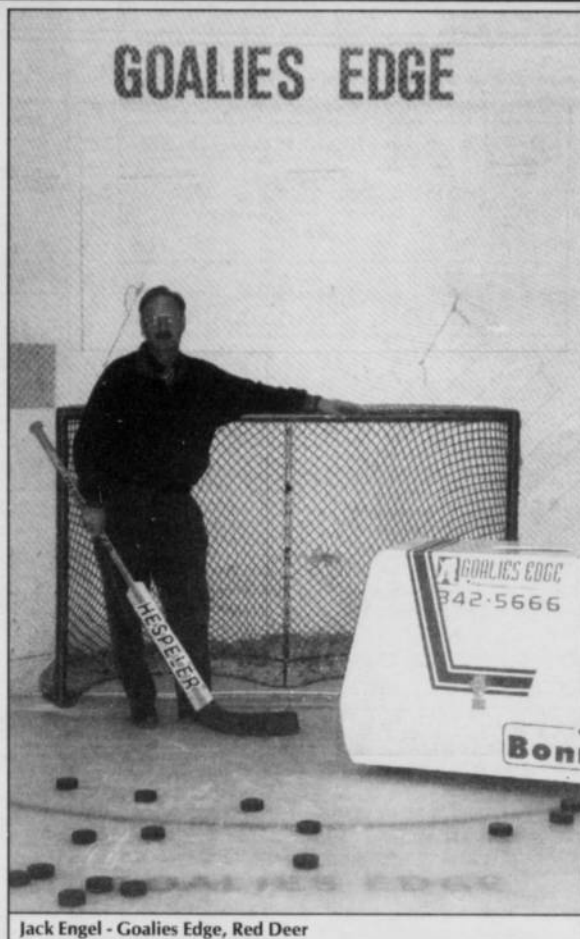
"We believe that by working with boys in this area we will be able to upgrade the quality of the Canadian goaltender. Especially in the young people," Engel said.

Engel figures that with well over 300 goalies in central Alberta he will be able to successfully operate a year-round training facility devoted solely to the development of goalies. Costs will be contained by combining plastic, artificial ice with a real ice surface to offer students realistic training "at a fraction of the cost."

Currently, Engel employs eight part time instructors. Initial response has been gratifying with some students already booked for next August in anticipation of junior camps.

An avid hockey fan himself, Engel sees his facility as a training ground for producing a higher quality goalie. He believes in the long term his business could improve the level of the Canadian professional goalie.

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Jack Engel - Goalies Edge, Red Deer

CWB's Grain Days to focus on marketing

Prairie grain farmers are invited to meet with their marketing representatives at this year's Grain Day meetings being held across Western Canada from January 6 to 23, 1997. The Wednesday, January 15, meeting will be held at the Cantonese Restaurant in Trochu.

"These meetings are farmers' opportunity to discuss the results of the 1995-96 crop year and find out how the marketing of this year's crop is going," said Chief Commissioner Lorne Hehn. "Our

challenge is to move a large volume of grain, much of it tough and damp, into a very competitive international market.

"Farmers will also see some significant changes in their marketing agency once Minister Goodale's legislative proposals are passed by Parliament. At Grain Day '97, we also want to talk about some of these changes and their implications for farmers."

The Grain Day '97 program will begin with an address by a commissioner or senior executive

followed by a marketing video and a question and answer period. The local Advisory Committee member will chair the meeting and be reporting on the Committee's activities.

The new format for Grain Day '97 was developed in response to surveys indicating farmers' preference for shorter meetings and more locations. The meetings this year are planned to last a maximum of three hours with most of the time set aside for questions from farmers.

Government will ensure Alberta farmers receive their share of GRIP surplus

By Tom Richardson
Agriculture Canada

The producers' share of the Gross Revenue Insurance Plan (GRIP) surplus will be distributed to Alberta farmers once all final payments for 1995-96 crop year have been made announced Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Minister Ralph Goodale on December 27.

"I recently received the government of Alberta's request to refund the GRIP surplus and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada will expedite distribution of the cheques," Mr. Goodale said. "I am very much aware of the important uses Alberta farmers have for the approximately \$40 million due to them as contributors

to GRIP.

"Everyone involved knows the GRIP agreement provides for the producers' share to be returned when the program terminates. However, the agreement states that the surplus cannot be distributed until all final payments have been made, which is expected in early 1997. I want to see each contributing Alberta producer get a fair share as soon as the actual amount of the GRIP surplus is determined," continued Mr. Goodale.

In 1991, GRIP was instituted to stabilize farm incomes by protecting the yield and price of eligible crops. Alberta decided to terminate their involvement in the program in the 1995 crop year.

Goodale to attend Wild Rose Convention

Slated to speak at the first annual convention of the producer organization are Federal Minister of Agriculture Ralph Goodale, Assistant Deputy Minister for Planning and Development, Ray Bassett representing the Province of Alberta; Lorne Hehn Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board; Sinclair Harrison, Chairman of the Farmer Rail Car Coalition; George Paul, Executive Director of the Montana Farmers Union, who will address cross border marketing and Sandrina Esposito Kells, Acting Director, Planning and Public Affairs of the NISA Administration, who will provide an update on the status of the program in Alberta.

Additionally, Susan Kitchen, Manager of AFAC

(Alberta Foundation of Animal Care), who will speak on Food Security, relative to the "scare tactics" on our meat and poultry.

Other topics to be addressed are rural initiatives by John Melicher Executive Director of REDA (Rural Education and Development Association), and a Farm Safety presentation by Women of Unifarm President Florence Trautman.

The convention will be held January 7-8-9 at the Westwood Inn, 18035 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton.

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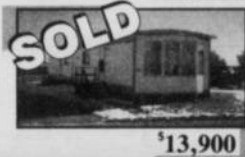
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Rhonda HUNTER

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* Olds Grizzlies	38	20	15	3	157	144	43
Grande Prairie Storm	39	18	17	4	142	133	40
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GREAT OPPORTUNITY in middle of pulpwood country. Garage (plus) being sacrificed at \$180,000. Sales \$370,500. \$60,000. cash may handle. Jim Surmon, 403-481-1791. Realty Executives, Edmonton. awna1-2

210 - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY, picker operators, bed truck and winch tractor operators, also H.D. mechanic. Send resume to: Box R c/o Bonnyville Nouvelle, Box 8174, Bonnyville, AB, T9N 2J5. awna3-4

PARTS PERSON required with heavy duty or industrial experience. Call Brent at 403-849-3768, between 8 - 6 p.m. Mon. - Fri. awna2-3

REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY journeyman heavy duty mechanic. May consider an apprentice with experience. Excellent wage and benefit package. Call Herb at 403-849-3768, between 8 - 6 p.m., Mon. - Fri. awna2-3

LICENSED HEAVY DUTY mechanics and 3rd or 4th year apprentices required for a modern Case IH dealership in southern Alberta. Ag training and experience preferred. Contact: Manager, 403-652-7944 phone; 403-652-7433 fax or Box 5219, High River, AB, T1V 1M4. awna2-3

PARTS PERSON required for New Holland dealership. Should have some experience in NH. Versatile, Ford. Located in north central Alberta. Please fax resume with references to: 403-674-6505. awna2-3

LARGEST MIDWEST Chev Olds dealer requires career sales and lease professional. Contact Ian Nicholson, Sales Manager, Ulmer Chev Olds, Lloydminster 1-800-661-6372. awna2-3

SHOP FOREMAN required immediately for Ford New Holland Implement dealership. Wage negotiable. Call 403-842-4408 or fax 403-842-3416. References required. awna2-3

NEW SHOP OPENING! Requires 10 technicians! 1st year, \$14/hour; 2nd year \$16/hour; 3rd year \$18/hour; 4th year \$20/hour. Journeyman \$25/hour. If this interests you, give Lynden a call at 1-800-238-8838. After 6 p.m. call 1-403-332-2634 or fax resume to 1-403-835-3401. awna1-2

AUTOMOTIVE SALES person required at busy central Alberta Ford dealership. Above average pay. Experience is an asset but not required. Call 403-843-2622 or 1-800-353-3481. awna1-2

210 - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FARM MANAGER POSITION for a large cattle and farming operation (approx. 30,000 acres) near Fort St. John. This responsible position requires the applicant to think entrepreneurial, to be highly self-motivated and to honor integrity. The following skills and experiences are desired: sound knowledge in grain farming, cow-calf operation and custom feeding; application of computer skills (spreadsheet, word processing) as farm management tools; track record as farm/ranch manager or strong farming/ranching background. We offer a negotiable salary package, production related bonus system, benefits and excellent on-farm housing. Applicants are asked to forward their resume, including references, to: 28116-8 Ave., Abbotsford, BC, V4X 1A3. awna1-2

EAST CENTRAL Alberta John Deere dealership has opening for a service manager. Dealership is experiencing major after market growth and is currently constructing a new 12,000 sq. ft. service facility. Competitive compensation package will be offered to applicant that best qualifies. Applicant must have management or supervisory experience and John Deere equipment background. Send resume to: Mark Jones, Box 309, Hanna, AB, T0J 1P0 or phone 403-854-3334 or fax 403-854-2070. awna1-2

SPORTS REPORTER for weekly newspaper in Wetaskiwin, Alberta. Excellent writing, photography skills, familiarity with QuarkXpress, Adobe, Photoshop. Some evening and weekend coverage. Submit resume: Barbara Stewart, Editor, Wetaskiwin Times Advertiser, Box 6900, Wetaskiwin, AB, T9A 2G5. Fax 403-352-4333. awna1-2



Accredited Supports to the Community is a non-profit society that provides diverse services for children and adults with disabilities. Qualifications: Standard First Aid; Basic Rescuer CPR Level C; valid Driver's License. Our Children's Group Home in Didsbury requires a one to one Rehab. Aide. Hours are: Wednesdays: 3-8 p.m.; every other weekend (Friday 2-8 p.m.; Saturday 10-8 p.m.; Sunday 10-3 p.m.). Experience with Autism an asset. Individuals interested in employment opportunities apply to ASC, Box 3940, Olds, AB, T4H 1P6, or Fax 556-6480; Competition #R53. Closing Date: January 24, 1997. 37-11

GM DEALERSHIP requires experienced technician to supervise 12 shop staff. GM training, supervisory experience an asset. Fax resume: Whitecap Motors, Slave Lake, AB, 403-849-2525 by January 15, 1997. 1-800-858-2049. awna1-2

APPRENTICE or licensed technician for GM dealership. 40 hour work week. Company benefits. GM experience an asset. Tercier Motors Ltd., 6413 - 50 Ave., Bonnyville, AB, T9N 2L9. 403-826-3301. awna1-2

ENVIRONMENTAL - Reduce emissions, improve mileage and performance. Exciting hydrogen breakthrough will assist burn of any fossil fuel. Looking for customers and distributors. 403-779-2131, 403-346-1192. awna1-2

210 - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY for Case IH agricultural dealership in central Alberta, journeyman and apprentice agricultural equipment technicians. Case IH experience preferred but not required. Full-time employment with excellent wage, pension and group benefit plan. Must be a team player focused on customer service. Apply to: Box Z, c/o Stettler Independent, Box 310, Stettler, AB, T0C 2L0. awna1-2

Required Immediately: Area Sales Representatives - Excellent opportunities exist in our expanding Calgary based Lubricants company with immediate openings in the Didsbury area. You must have a working knowledge of farming and agricultural equipment. You must be active in your community, have a sound work ethic, enjoy flexible work hours and have a reliable vehicle. No selling experience is required, your solid agricultural background is all you'll need to get started. We'll supply you with the rest. Our professional, international organization offers a corporate sponsored training program, a state of the art product line, on going field training and an excellent opportunity for advancement with expected earnings in excess of \$35,000 annually. If you would enjoy working with farmers and ranchers fax your resume to (403) 253-5791 or phone Ralph Lewis to arrange an interview at 1-800-661-7777/(403) 252-2549. Power Up Southern Alberta 37-11

PINCHER CREEK Co-operative Limited is recruiting for the position of Controller. Successful applicant will be career oriented and possess leadership, capacity and desire to advance in the Co-operative Retailing System (CRS). Preference given to applicants with post-secondary education in Business and accounting designation. CRS offers excellent opportunities for increasing levels of responsibility, personal growth and challenge within 300 retail Co-ops. We offer excellent training, competitive salary and superior benefit package. If interested in this career opportunity, apply in writing, stating qualifications and salary expectations to: David Hoy, General Manager, Pincher Creek Co-op, 1300 Hewitson Ave., Pincher Creek, AB, T0K 1W0. Fax 403-627-5589. Thank you to all applicants for their interest, however, only applicants considered for an interview will be contacted. awna1-2

TORNADO FLARE SYSTEMS (Canada) Inc. has full-time employment for in-shop apprentices, journeyman and B pressure welders. Shop location is N.E. of Stettler. Good working conditions and medical plan. Please fax resume to: 403-883-2550 or mail to: Box 1390, Stettler, AB, T0C 2L0. awna1-2

REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY for Case IH Agricultural dealership in central Alberta, service manager/shop foreman. Case IH experience as well as computer inputting preferred but not essential. Must be a team player focused on excellent customer service. Interested applicants apply to: Box A, c/o Stettler Independent, Box 310, Stettler, AB, T0C 2L0. awna1-2

HEAVY DUTY MECHANIC required. Rimbey Implements Ltd., Box 618, Rimbey, AB, T0C 2J0. awna1-2

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210 - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TIRE of the cold and snow? How about a move to sunny Parksville on Vancouver Island? We require an experienced Ford partsman for the shop counter. Send resume Attention: Parts Manager, Joe Cunningham Ford, Box 279, Parksville, BC, V9P 2G4 or fax 1-250-248-6228.

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EXPERIENCED FORD parts person required immediately by northern interior dealership. Minimum 3 years Ford experience. Fax resume to: 1-250-992-8220 or mail to: Cariboo Ford, 266 Carson Ave., Quesnel, BC, V2J 2B1, Attention: Cindy Sandbach.

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SENIOR ACCOUNTANT: Thorough, clear thinking individual required to supervise day-to-day functions and prepare monthly financial statements and reports. Successful candidate is enrolled in CMA or CGA program and has two years related experience in computerized environment. Forward resume, with references to: Drawer 50, c/o Westlock News, Box 40, Westlock, AB, T0G 2L0.

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37-1t

Part-time receptionist required by local accounting firm. Knowledge of accounting and income tax preferred. Please submit resume before January 10, 1997 to: Cuthbertson Sandall, Box 59, Didsbury, Alberta T0M 0W0. We wish to thank all those who reply, but only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

35-3t

Full time/part time, flexible schedule. Easy work, no experience, earn \$300 - \$600 weekly at home, guaranteed. Call 7 days. 1(504) 641-7778, Ext. 0169H51.

36-4t

230 - CAREER TRAINING

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PENN SCHOOL of Taxidermy. Canada's only established taxidermy training institution with 30 years experience training successful taxidermists across Canada. For information call Kerry 403-291-0460, Calgary, AB.

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COMPUTERS. No previous computer experience necessary. Exciting opportunities now available in computer programming. We will train suitable applicants. CMS 1-800-477-9578. awna1-2

230 - CAREER TRAINING

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL of Auctioneering. Canada's oldest established auction school. Learn to be professional auctioneer from some of the best in the business. Join us! Olds College Campus. Next class February 3/97. 1-800-465-7578. Free brochure. awna5-5

300 - CHILDCARE

Childcare provider required for three preschool boys in our home. Tuesday - Saturday starting February 1. References a must. Phone Brenda at 335-4765. 37-1t

310 - CONSTRUCTION

Choice Carpentry: New construction, remodelling, additions, small repairs. Tom McCue, 335-9860.

15-tfnc

320 - HOUSEKEEPING

Is work and home keeping you too busy? For a reliable house cleaning service call Tina 637-2248. References available.

36-2t

340 - OTHER

CRIMINAL RECORD? Canadian pardon seals record. United States waiver allows legal entry without risk of arrest, deportation or property seizure. For a free consultation 403-229-1200.

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500 - HOMES

Didsbury - Greatly Reduced 3 yr. old senior condo. Immaculate. Like new. Owner will pay first 6 mos. Condo fees, plus first 6 mos. property taxes. Phone 1-403-686-7417.

35-6t

For Sale: 1132 sq. ft. bungalow at 1532 17 Ave. Didsbury. Near play park. Fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths up. Laundry room, 2 bedrooms, 1/2 bath down. \$89,900. Phone 335-3444 evenings and weekends (leave message).

37-4t

520 - MANUFACTURED HOMES

BELIEVE IT - \$42,900, new 16 X 80, 1200 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 full baths. Delivery/blocking. Order now for spring. Ridgewood Homes, phone collect 403-470-5660.

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A NEW HOME for the New Year, Legend Home Calgary has a large selection of new and used homes. New homes start at \$34,000. Used as low as \$6900. Call us collect 403-259-5836. awna1-2

530 - PROPERTY

LAND! LAND! LAND! For sale, Some of Alberta's best farmland. High Level, LaCrete, Fort Vermilion, 1/4 sections to complete farms. Re/Max Foggy Mountain Realty 403-926-4733.

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540 - FOR RENT

For Rent In Didsbury: 3 bedroom townhouses. 1 1/2 baths, stove, fridge, laundry hook ups, fenced yards. Rents \$500, damage deposit \$300. Includes water, sewer & garbage pick up. No dogs. Phone 335-2347.

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540 - FOR RENT

DIDSBURY MANOR
1706 - 22 Ave.
3 Bdr. Townhouses
Private Yard, Cable,
W/D Hookups, \$550/mo.
Call 335-9266

37-tfnc

For Rent in Didsbury: Spacious 2 bedroom apartment close to downtown. Comes with fridge, stove, laundry hookups on main floor. \$550 D.D. \$550 per month, includes all utilities. Call Daphne at 337-2029. No pets please.

29-tfnc

House For Rent: 3 + 1 Bdrm. Park for 2, close to downtown, \$625 plus utilities. D/Required, \$625. Avail. Feb. 1/97. Phone 335-9326, Dave or Michelle.

35-4t

For Rent: Approximately 2,500 sq. ft. of storage/shop space. Phone Vance at 335-3365.

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For Rent: Main floor of 3 bedroom house, Didsbury. 1 1/2 bath, 5 appliances, fireplace, adults. Available February 1. \$400 plus utilities. 572-3456.

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Unique 1 + 1 bedroom suite in the old Lutheran church. 5 appliances, soaker tub, fireplace, covered carport. Walk to schools and downtown. Non-smoker, no pets. Available Feb. 1. \$550 per month + utilities. D.D. required. Ph. 335-3264.

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Spacious, 3 bedroom apt. in 4-plex. New paint, well kept. 1 1/2 baths, fridge, stove, \$485/mth. Don 236-5729.

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One bedroom basement suite for rent. Living room, kitchen, fridge, stove, full bathroom. Private entrance, furnished or unfurnished. Non-smoker(s) only. Phone (403) 335-3012.

37-2t

Self contained one bedroom basement suite. \$375/month. \$200/D.D. includes utilities. Immediate possession. Ph. 335-9168.

37-2t

Furnished rooms for rent. Utilities included. Kitchen privileges. \$275/month. \$100 D.D. 335-8122.

37-2t

For Rent: 2 bedroom suite. Fridge, stove, \$300 per month plus utilities. \$300 D.D. 271-0728.

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560 - OTHER

CROWNSNEST MOUNTAIN condominiums. Retirement, recreational, investment. Full ownership, not time share. One and two bedrooms from \$24,900. Newly renovated, including new appliances. Full service community, shopping, recreation, hospital, R.C.M.P., etc. Two hours from Calgary in Alberta Rockies. 403-562-2868.

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600 - CARS

ALL MAKE LEASING, zero down, 4 X 4's supercabs, crewcabs, diesels, dualys. New and used, low payments, free delivery. For pre-approval call Don collect 403-413-4200, Edmonton, anytime.

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Only 58,000 km.....\$20,595
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700 - FOR SALE

CHRISTMAS GREENWARE - 20% off until Jan. 15/97. Ruby Jean Ceramics Ltd., Gare Distributor, 13204 - 146 St., Edmonton, AB, T5L 4W8. Phone/Fax 403-447-2118.

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HEARING AIDS - Just \$479, manufactured direct to the public. In the canal type, fully guaranteed. Free information and sample. Call toll free 1-800-960-4367 Micro Max.

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29" electric range, almond plus range hood \$100; 42" china cabinet, \$60; set of weights and lift bench \$30; American Standard toilet \$20; interior 36" door \$20; 5 passage door handle sets \$20; 2-12 ft. curtain rods; 1-12 ft. tan sheers \$30 or take it all for \$200. Phone 335-3889.

37-1t

For Sale: Queen size bedroom suite \$400; Bookcase/Desk \$100; 5 pc. kitchen/dining suite \$225; 20" Zenith color TV with stand \$100; 21 Cubic Ft. Deepfreeze \$100. Available for viewing Jan. 8 and 9 at 2017 - 18 Ave., Didsbury, or inquiries phone 277-2181 Calgary.

37-1t

710 - WANTED

Farmland Wanted: Pasture hay and crop land to rent, west Didsbury. Steve and Ken Collinge 335-4200 or 335-9106.

35-4t

A CLEAN environment and money in your pocket. General Scrap pays top cash for copper, brass, batteries, steel, aluminum, etc. 403-453-7000. 11915 - 156 St., Edmonton. Batteries \$2.50.

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750 - PETS

ITALIAN MAREMMA PUPS. Ready to work. Predators beware! Protectors of livestock. Gentle, loyal guardians with families and children. 9 weeks, first shots. \$375 to \$425. 1-403-686-0096 (H); 1-403-234-9690 (W).

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Kittens - proven mouser lineage, 6 weeks old. 335-4791.

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760 - TRAVEL

THE KIMBERLEY SKI RESORT in the Bavarian City has a January midweek two day ski package for \$122. per person (restrictions apply). Call 1-800-667-0871.

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FULLY WINTERIZED lake cottages. Ideal for retreats, X-Country skiing, miles of skidoo trails and ice fishing. Gateway to Lakeland Park. Elinor Lake Resort, 1-888-623-3993.

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770 - MISCELLANEOUS

SNEED MONEYS call 403-452-5858. Immediate approval. Debt consolidation, farm, acreage, city, home and mobile purchase. Interim financing. Consolidated Mortgages Ltd.

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Winter Specials On HOT TUBS & SATELLITES

All sizes of hot tubs & satellites including:
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800 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALMAR LEGION Dream Home Lottery has been extended to May 17/97. Purchase tickets on this 1296 sq. ft. home and build anywhere in Alberta accessible by road. There will be \$100. Weekly Early Bird draws commencing Jan. 8/97 to Apr. 30/97. Tickets \$25. each, 3 for \$60. Only 21,000 printed. Purchase tickets by Visa, Mastercard, or phone 403-467-3905, 403-985-3858, or mail request to: Box 574, Calmar, AB, T0C 0V0. All ticket holders must be 18 years or older. Previous winners! February 17/96, \$1000., Anne Manchuk, Calmar. Apr. 20/96, \$1000., Peter Free, Sunnybrook. June 22/96, \$1000., Ruth Helevang, Calgary. Aug. 24/96, \$3000., Ed/Juliette Najdzik, Edmonton. Oct. 26/96, \$2000., Mary Ludwig, Edmonton.

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HUBCAP SOCIETY RAFFLE winners. 40 bred heifers - W. Gordon. 10 bred heifers - Nanton Minor Hockey. \$300. - Foothills Bisons AA Midgets. \$200. - B. Sanders. \$1500. - B. Parascak. \$1000. - J. Blake. \$500. - CIBC, H. Dwelle. \$60. - T. Boulton, H. Morrison, P. McLean, B. Derochie, B. Wickert, Nanton Minor Hockey, E. Toma, V. Fox, B. Entz, L. Ruud, B. Wynnnyk, E. Hill, Park-R-U's, P. Lievaart, Nanton Recreation Board, A. Scott, B. Schlosser, T. Eskeland, P. McDonald, D. Patterson, P. Chattaway, R. Ensign.

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820 - COMING EVENTS

ALBERTA'S SMART FARMING Conference is Managing Agriculture for Profit '97. Red Deer, January 28 - 30. Contact Alberta Agriculture, Agriculture Financial Services Corporation or call 1-800-387-6030.

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VALENTINES CASH RAFFLE. 1st prize - \$10,000.; 2nd prize - \$2,000.; 3rd prize - \$1,000.; 4th and 5th prize - \$500. Draw Feb. 14/97. Licence #130330. Tickets \$50. Three Hills Elks Club #190. Mail to: Box 93, Three Hills, AB, T0M 2A0. Cheques, Visa, Mastercard or phone 403-443-2643 (leave message).

awna2-3

Recreational basketball sponsored by Olds Jr./Sr. High School Sport Council at the Olds College gym starting January 7, 1997. Tuesday nights 7-8:30; Thursday nights 8-9:30 (that may change). 13 years of age and over, boys and girls, \$30 registration first night.

37-1t

BUILDING BALANCE: BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT - A Wellness Conference - Sessions will include issues such as: Challenging Stress; The Art of Living Creatively; Creating Personal Balance; The Physical Wellness Dimension; Reflexology; Nurturing Mind, Body and Soul With Great Food; Spirituality in a Religiously Pluralistic Society. Keynote Address by Tammy Robertson. February 7, Three Hills Community Centre, \$15/ person. Registration deadline January 24. For more information call 443-2460 or 823-1660. Sponsored by Kneehill Interagency.

37-2t

830 - CARDS OF THANKS

A big thanks to Dr. McGrath, Dr. James, the nursing staff at the Hospital for the wonderful care they gave me. To those people who sent flowers and cards. Thank you to the people who prayed for my recovery. To the people I work with. Thanks to you too. My Family, my Dad, Shirley, my brothers and their families a Big Thank You.

Colleen Dowell 37-1t

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830 - CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to our family, friends and neighbors for phone calls, cards and flowers while Neil was in the hospital. Special thanks to our family for being here when we needed them most. Also thanks to the mystery person who cleaned our driveway while we were in Calgary with Neil. Neil & Isabelle Rigby 37-11

The family of Sarah Currie wish to express a sincere tribute to the Drs. and staff of Didsbury & District Health Services. Mother spent nearly 15 years in Unit 4 and two years in Unit 1. The care that Mother received in her last ten days was exceptional above and beyond and helped make her journey filled with lots of tender loving care. Our thanks to Rev. John Orman for her spiritual guidance. Our thanks also to a very special lady Betty Thompson who helped her look her best. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to her quality of life and her family is eternally grateful for her quantity of life. 37-11

The family of Robert Hugh Ross wish to express their deep appreciation to the many people who showed such loving kindness to him and to us during his illness and passing. To our many friends for all the visits, telephone calls and prayers, for beautiful cards and flowers, for food and also for the generous memorial donations to the War Amps Child Amputees (\$290.00), to Pastors Bill Wigley, Kelly Shultz and A.V. Granberg for your faithful prayers and support; to Dr. Graff, Betty Armstrong and the nurses and other staff at the Olds Hospital for your loving care and concern; to Pastor Bill Wigley, Vera Long, Jean Kirker, Arlene Hanson, Jean Rix, Dennis Combs, Lloyd McLeod and Bill Elliott and other members of the Royal Canadian Legion and to the pallbearers: together you made the service a beautiful tribute to Bob; to the ladies of the Legion who provided the good lunch; to the staff of Mountain View Funeral Chapels for their kindly and efficient service; and to all the people who came or tried to come, in spite of very bad weather and dangerous roads; to you all we say, "Thank You" from the bottom of our hearts. We will never forget the love you have shown and may God bless you always. Dorothy, Kathleen, Dick, Jim and families 37-11

840 - OBITUARIES

Johnson - Martha Johnson (Anderson) born in Smoland, Sweden, October 4, 1909, entered into rest after a short illness, December 28, 1996 at the Didsbury Hospital. Martha came to Canada from Sweden at age 21 and married Einar Johnson in 1930. They farmed north of Gull Lake, Saskatchewan after their marriage, until 1963, and then moved to Didsbury and farmed west of Didsbury until 1967, when they moved into Didsbury. She was predeceased by Einar in 1983, and by an 18 month old son in 1930. She is survived by four children, Beatrice (Pete Steele) of Hazelton; Esther (Barry McMullen) of Fallen Timber; Norman Johnson (Jean) of Didsbury; Helen (Jack Retzlaff) of Gull Lake; 12 grandchildren, and 22 great grandchildren. Martha loved to garden, sew and embroider. She loved her grandchildren, and was very involved in the Auxiliary of the United Church of Didsbury. She will be greatly missed by everyone. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 31, 1996 at 2 p.m. from Knox United Church in Didsbury with Reverend Malcolm Profit officiating. Interment followed in the Didsbury Cemetery. If desired, memorials may be given to a memorial fund at the Chinook Winds Lodge in Carstairs. Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury, entrusted with arrangements. 37-11

840 - OBITUARIES

Ross - Robert Hugh Ross was born August 26, 1918, only son of Alexander and Margaret Ross, on his father's 1902 homestead, Scotburn, at Harmattan, Alberta. He married Dorothy Nelson of Harmattan on July 23, 1947. He died December 17, 1996, at the Olds Hospital, after a short illness. Funeral services were held Friday, December 20, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. from the Royal Canadian Legion in Olds. With the exception of nearly five years spent in the armed forces, the homestead was home to Bob all of his life. Bob joined the army in 1940 at the age of 22, and was sent to Fort Garry and Shilo, Manitoba, where they trained with old WWI, 18 lb. wooden wheeled guns. He went overseas in May 1941, where he became a member of 8th Army Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery. In August 1942, the 8th Field was headed for Dieppe, scheduled to go in 24 hours after the initial invasion. However these reinforcements were not deployed when the raid turned into a disaster. While stationed in England, Bob made two or three trips to northern Scotland to visit relatives at Scotburn there, and friends at Dunblane. In the fall of 1943 the 8th Field left for North Africa, landing at Camp Ferdinand, outside Algiers. Here, Bob picked up a very serious tropical disease and he had not fully recuperated when the regiment was sent to Italy, landing near Naples in early December, 1943. They saw Vesuvius smoking as they passed Pompeii and they went on to spend a miserable winter, bogged down in the mud near Ortona, exchanging sporadic fire with the Germans. Ammunition was hauled up on the backs of mules. When spring arrived, the campaign opened up and the 8th Field saw a lot of action in various places, including the terrible siege of heavily fortified Casino in May of 1944, where a ricocheting machine gun bullet hit Bob in the shin. On December 4, 1944, Bob was driving an observation tank near Ravenna in north-east Italy when they ran into an ambush where he suffered a large hip wound and lost the sight of one eye. He spent the winter in a hospital in Rome, and was sent home, via England, in the spring, arriving about VE Day. Soon after returning home he was assigned to guarding POWs near Medicine Hat. It is a unique rapport and loyalty that grows among army buddies; many are now gone but Bob enjoyed seeing a few survivors at the last reunion of the regiment in Cranbrook in August 1996. Bob was a good farmer, a superb carpenter, very inventive and skilled in just about anything that needed doing - plumbing, wiring, mechanics etc. His Creator also gave him a buoyant spirit and a delightful sense of humor which stayed with him to the end. Bob's hobby in later years was building little log houses and barns, treasure chests, child's rockers, bird houses and feeders etc. He loved nature and one of his last purchases was a big bag of sunflower seeds for his feathered friends. Bob was a good neighbor, always willing to lend a helping hand. He dearly loved his family, was always thoughtful and generous, and he much enjoyed an afternoon on the rifle range with his sons, grandsons and friends. He leaves to greatly mourn his passing his wife, Dorothy, sons Dick (Shirley) and Jim (Penny), daughter Kathleen, grandsons Willie, Darwin, Ben, Curtis, Warren and Scott, sisters Annie Caush and Jessie Petersen and their families, and many other loving relatives and dear friends, and loyal dog, Teddy Bear. He was predeceased by his father in 1960, his mother in 1965 and one grandson, Steven, in December 1986. Pallbearers were grandsons Willie, Darwin and Warren

Ross' Obituary continued

(three of Dick and Shirley's boys) Ben and Curtis (Jim and Darlene's boys) and nephew, Alex Caush. Honorary pallbearers included army buddies Bill Mitchell and Jack Townley; friends and neighbors Bill Grange, Bill Towle, Dennis Combs, Bud Haynes, Maurice Dube, Don McCracken, Don Braun, Jerry McKay and Bill Elliott. Officiating minister was Pastor Bill Wigley and the eulogy was given by Dennis Combs. Jean Kirker played a violin solo, Vera Long sang and pianists were Arlene Hanson and Jean Rix. The Royal Canadian Legion conducted a short ceremony and the service began and ended with our friend and neighbor, Lloyd McLeod, playing the bagpipes. Interment was at Westerdale Cemetery. Mountain View Funeral Chapels were in charge of arrangements. 37-11

Currie - Mrs. Archie Currie (Sarah) born August 14, 1900 in Ayre, Scotland passed away December 30, 1996 in Didsbury. Formerly of Calgary. She leaves to mourn her four daughters, Arlene Walker of Cochrane, Audrey (Bob) Hurst of Didsbury, Margaret (Jim) Scarrow of Sexsmith and Sharon (Eldon) Evans of St. Albert. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren. Sarah was predeceased by her husband Archibald in 1960 as well as two sisters, seven brothers and one great grandson. Funeral services were held at Foster's Garden Chapel, 3220 - 4th St. N.W. on Monday, January 6, 1997 at 1 p.m. with Rev. John Orman of St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, Didsbury officiating. Interment followed at Queen's Park Cemetery. If friends so desire memorial tributes may be made to the Staff Club of Didsbury & District Health Services, P.O. Box 130, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0. 37-11

Harder - Jacob Harder, beloved companion and friend of Pearl Higgins of Calgary, passed away at the Bow Valley Centre on December 22, 1996, at the age of 72 years. He is also survived by Peter (Adeline) Harder of Saskatchewan, Leona Wilson of British Columbia, and Larry (Alice) Harder of Manitoba. Jacob was predeceased by his parents William and Elizabeth, his two sisters and one brother; Ann, Helen and John. Funeral services were held in the Chapel of Mountain View Funeral Home on Friday, January 3, 1997 at 3 p.m. Interment followed at Mountain View Memorial Gardens. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Home, 17th Avenue S.E. at Garden Road, located within Mountain View Memorial Gardens Cemetery. 37-11

Umbach - Mrs. Gladys Umbach (nee: Houghton) passed away in Olds, Alberta on December 26, 1996 at the age of 64 years. Mrs. Umbach leaves to mourn her loss: husband, Duane, three daughters and one son; Jennifer Zigler of Fraser Lake, B.C., Alan of Carstairs, AB, Valerie (Grant) Gusella of Carstairs, AG, Suzanne (James) Summers-Gill of Mackenzie, B.C., and two grandsons. She also leaves many relatives and friends. Memorial services took place on December 31, 1996 at Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church, Carstairs with Pastor Lyle Bauer officiating. Interment Carstairs Cemetery. If desired, donations can be made in memorial to Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church (Mission Fund), Carstairs, AB. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapel, Didsbury. She will be greatly missed by family and friends, but we have the hope of seeing her again one day in eternity. 37-11

840 - OBITUARIES

Parnall - It is with loving memories we say goodbye to (Jack) William John Parnall of Didsbury, Alberta, who passed away on Friday, December 13, 1996 at the age of 80 years. Jack is survived by his loving wife, Gladys; brother, Bob Parnall of Edmonton, AB, sisters, Margaret Caveny of Calgary, AB, Ellen Wilson of Langley, B.C., and Aletha Gordon of Killam, AB; sons, Chuck Parnall of Ladysmith, B.C., Erwin Billups of Las Vegas, Nevada, Jerry Billups of Medicine Hat, AB, and Bill Billups of Penticton, B.C.; daughters, Elaine Billups of Cawston, B.C., and Cheryl Hartley of Victoria, B.C.; as well as 15 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. At Jack's request, no funeral service will be held. A Family Memorial Service will be held in the Spring, when Jack's ashes will be placed with his Dad's, in the family plot at Oliver, B.C. In lieu of flowers, if desired, a donation in Jack's memory may be made directly to The Alberta Heart and Stroke Foundation, 1825 Park Road S.E., Calgary, AB, T2G 3Y6 or to a church of the donor's choice. Arrangements and cremation in care of Heritage Family Funeral Services, Calgary Crematorium Limited. 37-11

Quigley - In memory of Lyle Clifford Quigley who died unexpectedly on Tuesday, December 31, 1996 at the age of 49 years. Lyle was born December 5, 1947 at Carstairs, Alberta. He committed his life to the Lord when he was 12 years old. On August 2, 1973 he married Eloise Roberts. Lyle worked with his Dad and brother on their dairy farm until moving to the Water Valley district in 1981, more recently he has driven tour bus out of Calgary. He leaves to mourn his wife, Eloise, two daughters, Danniella of Calgary; Janelle of Cape Girardeau, Missouri and two sons, Bryce and Kent at home; his mother, Marjorie Quigley, of Carstairs; sisters, Doreen (Earl) Cusack of Fort St. John, B.C.; Valerie (Gordon) Goodkey of Edmonton; Lucille (Dave) Pearman of Vermilion and one brother, David of Carstairs; Sheila (Eldon) Massey of Ester, Saskatchewan; and one foster brother, Colin McKenzie. He was predeceased by his father, Clifford Quigley in 1989. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 4, 1997 at 11 a.m. from the Cremona School. Interment followed in the Water Valley Cemetery. If desired, memorials may be given directly to STARS Air Ambulance, 1441 Aviation Park N.E., Box 570, Calgary, AB, T2E 8M7. Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury, entrusted with arrangements. 37-11

850 - IN MEMORIAM

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Photo by Elaine Wilson



Barry
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Barry's corner

Olds hosting AJHL all star game

For the third time in the fifteen-year history of the team, the Olds Grizzlies are hosting the Alberta Junior Hockey League All Star game. Scheduled for Saturday, January 18, 1997 at the

Olds Complex, game time is set for 8 p.m. and will feature the North all star team battling the South.

The AJHL All Star banquet will be held at the Olds Legion commencing at 2 p.m.

"This is the first time in recent history the All Star game will be played in the evening," said Grizzlies president Bob Clark.

"The late start is to allow more area fans the opportunity to attend the game," Clark added.

The South All Star team has selected players from the Olds Grizzlies, Calgary Royals, Calgary Canucks, Bow Valley Eagles, Fort Saskatchewan Traders plus the

lowest place team from the Edmonton area. The North All Star team will have player representatives from Fort McMurray Oil Barons, Bonnyville Pontiacs, Lloydminster Blazers, St. Albert Saints and the Sherwood Park Crusaders. According to Clark, four Grizzlies have been selected to play with the South All Stars, Richard Latimer, Jim Lawrence, Scott McKee and Brian Maloney.

Latimer, a defensive stalwart is a three-year veteran on the team, while Lawrence, a three-year league veteran, is third in league scoring and has just signed a full hockey scholarship with the University of Alaska in Fairbanks.

McKee, a student at Olds College is a Grizzly rookie along with Maloney, who last year was the captain of the Notre Dame Midget AAA Hounds from Wilcox Saskatchewan.

Tickets for the All Star Game are available from the Grizzlies office by calling 556-1121 or by fax 556-1230.

Didsbury Lawn Bowling Association first draw

The first draw was made January 2. \$300 winner - A. MacDonald (Audrey or Angus?); \$200 winner - Karen McCrae.

There is still a few tickets to be sold, please contact Dave Kordech at 335-8213 or Molly Howden 335-3791. Next draw will be February 2, 1997.

Grizzlies finish off 1996 with a bang

The Olds Grizzlies finished off nicely in 1996 by winning three out of their last four games.

On December 10, Olds defeated the last place Calgary Royals 6-3 with Brian Maloney leading the way with a couple of goals and an assist. On December 12 the Grizzlies lost a weird one in overtime to the Sherwood Park Crusaders. All the scoring was done in the first period as Olds built up a 3-0 lead with only two minutes left in the period. But the Crusader power play killed them as they scored two goals on the man-advantage 24 seconds apart. Then to add insult to injury, they tied it up with two seconds left on the clock. Remarkably there was no scoring in the second or third periods, so the teams were forced to go to overtime. Thirty six seconds later, Sherwood Park

capped off the comeback with a 4-3 win.

On Wednesday, December 18, the Grizzlies played at home to the St. Albert Saints in a game that featured nothing but offence. When it was all decided the Grizzlies stole a 7-6 victory for their 20th win of the season. The Friday, December 20 game against Bonnyville was cancelled and re-scheduled due to road closures on most Alberta highways.



Robert
MAGEE

The Grizzlies kicked off 1997 by playing the make-up game against the Bonnyville Pontiacs. It was a thriller that could have gone either way. Unfortunately for Olds it didn't go their way. The Pontiacs won the game in a shoot-out 4-3 keeping Olds from moving up out of fifth place in the standings.

Olds Grizzlies notes

- The Grizzlies have a 20-14-4 record totalling 44 points.
- Veteran forward Jim Lawrence is tied for fourth in the scoring race with 47 points (24g, 23a).
- Goalie Matthew Yeats has a 3.52 goals against average placing him sixth amongst the leaders.
- Olds has two games this week. On Tuesday, January 7, they will entertain the Fort Saskatchewan Traders, and on January 11 they host the Fort McMurray Oil Barons.

Midget Bruins capture Nova Cup

It was a crowning moment for the community of Carstairs as the Midget AA and Midget A Bruins captured the fourteenth annual Nova Cup Tournament held in Carstairs during the Christmas holidays.

The Midget AA Bruins defeated the Olds Midget AA Mustangs 5-3 in the Midget AA championship game, while the Midget A Bruins squeaked by the Calgary Southside Sharks 2-1 in the final game of the Midget A final.

During both games, the hometown fans came out in force to cheer the Bruins onto victory. For both teams, the support of the fans was encouraging and for the most part it was like having an extra man on the attack. And the fans were not disappointed as they were treated to excellent games in the championship finals of both divisions.

In the Midget A championship, the Bruins jumped into an early 2-0 lead in the first period and throughout the game put on a clinic on how to play defensive hockey.

Backed by the outstanding goaltending of Clint Pittman, the Bruins held period leads of 1-0 and 2-0. Until the 16-minute mark of the third period, Pittman, the Bruins player of the game, flirted with a shutout. Time in and time out, Pittman snuffed out the Sharks scoring opportunities with several outstanding saves. In fact, the local police force could have charged Pittman with highway robbery.

An exciting game, the Bruins had their chances to salt away the opposition, but Sharks net minder Jamie Dickson was also brilliant, making several key saves on Bruins' scoring opportunities.

For the Bruins, the red light was blinked by Roland

Johnson and Rob Andrews, who also added an assist for a two point outing. Other assists were credited to Ryan Michel, Brad Jackson and Ryan Konschuh.

Meanwhile in the Midget AA final, Randy Nicklom fired a pair of goals, including a short handed marker to lead the Bruins offensively. Other goals were added by Paul Moroz, Bryan Olsen and Spenser Van Hereweghe, while Craig Beezejack chipped in with three assists.

Bruins Midget AA coach, Gary Van Hereweghe was extremely pleased with the calibre of teams in the tournament.

"The selection committee has to be congratulated as the teams in both divisions were evenly matched," indicated Van Hereweghe.

"The calibre of teams made this tournament very successful," noted Van Hereweghe.

"In both divisions, any one of the teams could have been the tournament champion," he added.

According to Van Hereweghe, the tournament victory by both Midget teams is a credit to the time and effort the Carstairs Minor Hockey Association has placed on developing players, in both the Midget A and Midget AA systems.

"In order to be successful a minor hockey system needs dedicated successful people to run the organization. Right now, these people deserve a lot of credit for operating a very successful program, both at the A and AA level of play," concluded Van Hereweghe.

Congratulations Midget A and AA Bruins. You made the communities of Carstairs, Crossfield, Didsbury and Cremona proud.

Pee Wee AA Bruins salvage a tie

During South Central Alberta Pee Wee AA action this past weekend, the Carstairs Pee Wee AA Bruins tied 6-6 with the Taber Golden Suns, earning their first point in league play.

On Friday evening the Bruins came up short as they were downed 6 to 3 by the Lethbridge Y's Men.

After playing to a 1-1 draw after 20 minutes of play, the Y's Men broke the game wide open scoring five unanswered goals in the second stanza. The Bruins responded in the third period with a solid determined effort scoring twice.

For the Bruins, John Hancock, Murray Patterson and Wade Ogilvie blinked the red light, while Brett Hopfe and Sheldon Weisch chipped in with assists.

Saturday morning, the Bruins were soundly outmatched by the Lethbridge RC Cola team, losing 9 to 1. At the conclusion of the first period, Lethbridge skated away with a 2-1 lead. After 40 minutes of play, Lethbridge held a commanding 5-1 lead. In the final period, Lethbridge scored four unanswered goals.

The only player to beat Lethbridge netminder Jeff Horri was Sheldon Weisch with assists going to Devon Kietzel and Murray Patterson.

In Taber, the Bruins faced the defending league and playoff champions, Taber Golden Suns. The Bruins' power play connected for four goals, three of them coming during a five minute Bruins power play in the second period. The teams were tied at one goal apiece after 20 minutes of play. Heading into the third period, the Bruins enjoyed a 5-3 lead. The Golden Suns, regained their second wind early in the final period taking a 6-5 lead with just five minutes left to play. Discipline problems found the Bruins short-handed with just three minutes left in the game but a superb penalty kill by the tandem of Mike Williams and Sheldon Weisch enabled Nathan Geiger the opportunity to tie the game at six goals apiece with just 40 seconds showing on the clock. Bruins Weisch and Brett Hopfe notched a goal and two assists apiece, while captain Murray Patterson notched a pair of goals. The other Bruins marker came off the stick of Jonathon Hancock. Bruins netminder Lee Turco played an outstanding game.

Before returning home to Carstairs on January 17 against the Wheatland Chiefs, the Bruins play the Foot-hills Bisons in Staveland on Saturday and journey into Brooks to play the Rams on Sunday.

Didsbury Minor Hockey News



DIDSBURY TYKES #1 1996-97
Doug Miller (Coach), Andy Arnold
(Asst. Coach), Back: Zachary
Belitsky, Michael Arnold, David
Prevost, Ryan Miller, Clayton
Lowther, Jesse Johnson, Steven
McNeil. Front: Trent Ulrich, Matthew
Metka, David Dowell, Keenan
Christensen, Dakota Ulrich.

Wildcat strike in Olds

By Don Wygiera

The Didsbury Tyke #2 Wildcats struck in Olds, Saturday, December 14, 1996, with a 13-4 win over the Olds Tyke #1 team.

Olds opened the scoring midway through the first period. Just one and a half minutes later Colby Drysdale set up Jesse Wygiera, and from there Didsbury never looked back.

The Wildcats scored three more goals in the last three minutes of the period. Goal getters were Shane Logan from Jeff Choquette, Brayden Hopfe from Jeff Choquette and Jan Milne unassisted.

The second period belonged solely to Didsbury as goalie Randy Hunter refused to let anything get by him. Goal scorers for Didsbury in the second period were Colby Drysdale with a hat trick and Shane Logan with two more. Assists went to Jesse Wygiera (3), Matt May (1), Jonathan Lefebvre (1) and Jeff Choquette (1).

Olds replied with three third period goals, but it wasn't enough as the Wildcats netted four of their own to bring home a convincing 13-4 win. Scoring in the third period for Didsbury were: Kelly Kohut from May and Choquette, Matt May with two and Shane Logan with his fourth of the game. Assists went to: Jonathan Lefebvre (2), Landon Gole (2) and Jesse Wygiera with a single.

The Wildcats struck again in Olds on December 21, handing the home town Olds Tyke #2 team a 17-5 loss.

The Wildcats scored eight first period goals. Goalie Shane Logan was awesome, shutting out Olds until early into the second period. Scoring for Didsbury in the first were: Matt May (2), Jonathan Lefebvre (3), Brayden Hopfe (1), Jeff Choquette (1) and Jesse Wygiera (1). Assists went to Landon Gole (3), Milne (1), Choquette (1) and Wygiera (1).

Olds scored three second period goals while Didsbury responded with five of their own. Matt May scored two more, with singles going to Jonathan Lefebvre, Landon Gole, with his first of the year, and Jan Milne at the one second mark! Jeff Choquette, Randy Hunter and Jan Milne drew assists.

The Wildcats showed no mercy outscoring Olds 4-2 in the third period. Jan Milne, Matt May, Jeff Choquette and Brayden Hopfe each had singles with help from Wygiera and Lefebvre.

The Wildcats are playing very entertaining hockey. Their record to date is five wins and two losses. The Wildcats start off the new year in Bowden.

Wildcats in Cremona

By Don Wygiera

The Didsbury Tyke 2 Wildcats continued to play exciting hockey at a Christmas tournament in Cremona.

Game one saw the Wildcats claw their way from behind to tie the host team 8-8.

Didsbury fell behind 5-3 after the first period. Scoring for Didsbury were: Jan Milne one goal one assist, Shane Logan two goals, Jesse Wygiera two assists, Colby Drysdale had a lone assist.

The Wildcats changed goalies after the first period with Colby Drysdale going in for Brayden Hopfe. Didsbury won the second period 3-2. Brayden Hopfe led the scoring with two goals. Matt May had one goal, one assist, Jeff Choquette had two assists and Randy Hunter one assist.

Didsbury owned the third period as well, outscoring Cremona 2-1. Brayden Hopfe assisted on both of Shane Logan's third period goals, the second of which came with less than two minutes remaining, tying the score at 8-8.

The scores in games two and three were certainly no indication of how the Didsbury boys played. With only seven skaters and a goalie the Wildcats played with all their hearts dominating the play, but they seemed to run out of steam in the latter part of the games.

In game two the Wildcats faced a tough Springbank squad. The final score was 9-4.

In game three the Wildcats came up against a tough goalie from Sundre, who kept Didsbury off the scoreboard until the final minute of the second period, when Jeff Choquette picked up a Shane Logan rebound and went top shelf to finally beat the sensational Sundre goalie. Colby Drysdale also drew an assist.

Matt May scored two third period goals with help from Jan Milne, Brayden Hopfe, Jesse Wygiera and Randy Hunter. Jan Milne and Colby Drysdale shared the goaltending duties.

The boys played very well and all received medals for their efforts. Great job guys.

Atom A news

Santa showed up for the Atom's practice on Thursday, December 19 and handed treats out to all the good boys. The coaches must be behaving because Wendal and Jeff also got to sit on Santa's lap and receive a treat.

Saturday, December 21, the Atom A's travelled to Sundre and massacred them 17-1. Sundre came out flat and didn't recover at any time during the game. Goals went to Billy Way, Steven McMullen and Ian Brander with hat tricks. Cody Edwards and Billy Kohut got a pair each with singles going to Tom Morgan, Cordell Christensen, Aaron Herold and Adam Dingman. Assists went to Steven McMullen with 3, Ian Brander, Cordell Christensen, Tom Morgan and Aaron Herold with pairs and singles going to Jeff Clazie, Brett Fillmore, Adam Dingman and Billy Way.

League play on December 22 was against Airdrie and we walked away

with a 5-2 win. Points for the game went to Ian Brander 2 goals and 2 assists, Tom Morgan 1 goal and 1 assist, Cordell Christensen and Steven McMullen with a goal each and Jeff Clazie with one assist.

Monday, December 30 we played



Aaron Herold - Age: 10
Position: Centre Shoots: Right

Three Hills in a league game and won 8-3. Points for the game went to Ian Brander with 4 goals and 1 assist, Steven McMullen with 2 goals and 3 assists, and Billy Way and Jeff Clazie with single goals. Cordell Christensen received 1 assist.



Brett Fillmore - Age: 10
Position: Wing Shoots: Right

Atom C hockey news

The Didsbury Atom C's played three exciting games during the holidays. On Saturday, December 21, we played host to Olds #2. The players played their best game to date, demonstrating great team cohesiveness. There were good scoring chances for both teams in the first period but only Olds managed to score.

In the second period Olds made the score 2-0 in a power play situation with Didsbury short two players. Robert Haskett left the game in the second period due to a wrist injury. Despite losing an excellent 'heart and hustle' player, Didsbury started to score, with Jesse Trenholm putting it top shelf. With five minutes left in the period Les Marston tied up the game with an assist by Steven Meyer.

Early in the third, Didsbury took

the lead with another goal by Les Marston (assisted by Charles Weber and Will Harvie). Nick Kurtz made the score 4-2 with an unassisted goal. With three and a half minutes left in the game Les clinched the game for us with his hat trick!

Ben May played his best game of the season so far with some excellent, breathtaking saves. The whole team should be proud of the way they played.

On Monday, December 30, Didsbury played an exhibition game against Red Deer. In contrast to the previous game, the aggressive Red Deer team had the boys scrambling. Final score: 7-3 Red Deer. Goal scorers for the game were: Robert Haskett (1) assisted by Chris Gole; Chris Gole (2) one assisted and the other assisted by Brad Dowell. Great

saves were made again by Ben May.

On January 4, the team travelled to Torrington. In this game Didsbury played hard and had many excellent scoring opportunities which the final score doesn't reflect. Torrington opened up the scoring with two goals. With six minutes left in the period Will Harvie scored making it 2-1.

In the second period, Torrington made three more goals but it could have been more but goalie Brad Dowell made some exciting saves on breakaway opportunities by the opposition.

Torrington scored four more goals in the third but Didsbury didn't give up. Late in the third period Jackson Meston scored assisted by Charles Weber and shortly after Robert Haskett scored making the final 9-3.

Atom A news

The weekend of January 3, 4 and 5 the Atom A's were in a tournament in Olds. Our first game on Friday night was against the Olds Lions. It was a physical game with lots of body contact and stick work. We beat them 5-4 in overtime with Steven McMullen scoring assisted by Ian Brander. Boy did it ever feel good! Other points in the game went to Steven McMullen with two more goals with singles going to Brett Fillmore and Billy Way. Assists went to Ian Brander with two more and Cody Edwards for a single. Heart and Hustle went to Troy Schwandt who did an outstanding job, especially in the third period stopping their bombardment of shots.

Saturday, January 4 we played Sundre in a game which counted as a league game, and won 5-1. Points for this game went to Steven McMullen with two goals, Ian Brander one goal and two assists, Jeff Clazie with two goals, Aaron Herold one assist and Billy Way with three assists. The Heart and Hustle could have gone to any one of our players, but it went to a well deserved Steven McMullen who was long overdue for one.

Goodbye to Wendell's son Kien. The Atom A's will sure miss you for doing such a great job of cheering for them on the bench.

The 'A' final on Sunday was against a very strong Cochrane team. Ian Brander scored our first goal assisted by Billy Way and Steven McMullen. The score was 2-1 going into the second period when Cochrane picked up the pace and skated circles around our players.

The score after two periods was 7-1 with Cochrane showing no plans of easing up. The third period saw Steven McMullen score unassisted and Cochrane scoring two more to end the game a 9-2 win in favor of

Cochrane. There was no Heart and Hustle in this game, but coach's choice would have been Cordell Christensen for doing such a great job of digging in the corners and making great passes to his line mates.

Ice schedule

Saturday, January 11

8:00 - 9:30 - Tyke #2 vs. Carstairs #1
9:45 - 11:15 - Novice #3 vs. Novice #2
11:30 - 1:00 - Novice #1 vs. Olds #1
1:15 - 3:15 - Atom "C" vs. Olds #3
3:30 - 5:30 - Pee Wee "C" vs. Hanna
5:45 - 7:45 - Bantam "A"

Sunday, January 12

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11:30 - 1:30 - Bantam "C"
1:45 - 3:45 - Bantam "A"

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St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 8:00 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Marge Steckler at 335-4281.tfn

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Won't you join us at the Museum on the 1st Thursday of every month from 2 - 4 p.m. for coffee. Everyone is welcome, newcomers to town come and get acquainted. We have lots to see, take a look back in history. There is no charge but of course donations are always welcome. The museum is also open on Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. weekly. We're located at 2118 - 21st Ave. For more info, call 335-9295. tfn

RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junk mail, plastic milk jugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins. tfn

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall. tfn

CANSURMOUNT

You are not alone. Cansurmout & Reach to Recovery, Olds, Didsbury and surrounding communities have a local group of trained volunteers who offer support to families and patients who have cancer. Please call 335-3341 for more information. tfn

LIONS

Lions bartending service, call Rudy 335-9191. Lions grill rental, call Jim, 335-8193, 335-9936. tfn

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INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location. tfn

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Kim at 335-9645 or Rick at 335-9525. tfn

LONE PINE

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514. tfn

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540. tfn

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Olds Gamblers Anonymous, 5022 - 52nd St., basement, Wednesday, 7 - 9 p.m. Open meetings, first Wednesday of every month. tfn

SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. at the Deer Meadow School, Olds. tnf

SUNDRE

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous Wednesdays, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736. tfn

ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277. tfn

AL-ANON

Al-Anon, Sundre United Church basement. Wednesday 8 p.m. More info 638-3277. tfn

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D.I.G. MEETING

Didsbury Interagency Group (D.I.G.) meeting - All local organizations and non-profit groups are invited to attend these informal meetings where we exchange information, share ideas and coordinate activities. Please bring a bag lunch, coffee will be provided. Tuesday, Jan. 14, 12 noon, Education Conference room at hospital. Please bring a donation for the food bank. For further info, please contact Marg Weaver at 335-4245.

OTHER

Would you like to start a small business...but don't know where to begin? The Loan Circle is a community-based initiative which will provide loans, training and support to individuals who have sound business ideas but who do not have collateral or established credit ratings to access loans from traditional lending institutions. For further information, or to register for our training session commencing January 22 please call Sharon at The Centre for Business Development, 342-2055.

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